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TRAIN DISASTER RELIEF.

The Nucleus of a Public Fund.
ADMIRABLE EXAMPLE.

The suggestion made in the *China Mail* leader yesterday for a Train Disaster Relief Fund, met with the approval and support of a number of Chinese gentlemen gathered at a banquet on the roof garden of Messrs. Sincere & Co., Ltd., last evening.

The banquet was held in celebration of the wedding at Shiu Heng, on April 4, of Mr. Chan Hung-woo, a son of Mr. David Chan See, manager of Sincere's, and the gathering included Mr. Choy Hing, Chairman of Sincere's Board of Directors, Mr. G. Gockchin, Chief Manager of Wing On's, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Mr. Tong Tsun of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and Mr. Ma Man-fai, Sub-Manager of Sincere's.

During dinner Mr. Ma Man-fai, who had been favourably impressed by the *China Mail's* leader, on the spur of the moment, brought up the question of the Train Disaster Fund and suggested that that gathering should open the list by making donations.

Spontaneous Support.
The idea received the instant support of all present at the dinner. Mr. Wong Wai-chi, a member of the staff of Sincere's, was appointed to collect donations as the party were leaving. The result is that Mr. Ma Man-fai now has in his charge the tidy sum of over \$50 as the nucleus of the fund.

Messrs. Sincere's are also prepared to subscribe liberally to the fund. There is a regulation in the firm which limits charitable contributions, but Sincere's propose to give up to that limit to this fund.

As we stated in our leader yesterday, as the sufferers in the disaster are Chinese the fund should be managed by one of the local Chinese bodies, and now that an admirable impetus to the idea has been given by Mr. Ma Man-fai, it is to be hoped that one of the Chinese organisations will act promptly in the matter. As soon as it is known where donations can be sent to, we feel sure that the fund will receive the wholehearted support of all sections of the community.

Scenes at Mortuary.
Tragic scenes were witnessed at the Kowloon Public Mortuary this morning when relatives and friends of the victims of the railway disaster came forward to identify the dead. By noon all the bodies had been identified, but only one statement had been taken.

Pun Lap-sun, a tailor of 3, On Hing Terrace, Wyndham Street, said that the body of Lam Kam-sang who was also a tailor of 22, Wyndham Street, was his father-in-law. They went out to the country together some days ago but he (Pun Lap-sun) had to return some time earlier. He said that his father-in-law boarded the ill-fated train at Li Long on the night of the accident accompanied by his nephew, Lam Ma, who is still missing.

The other statements are being taken this afternoon. Since the admission of the injured into the Kowloon Hospital, two of the patients have died—Tong Sui-king and Lau Wah. The latter was imprisoned in the wreckage until yesterday, when he was released after an amputation of his leg.

The condition of the young Chinese boy, whose leg was also amputated, is said to be slightly improved this afternoon.

List of Injured.

Admitted to Kowloon Hospital:—
Cheung Shi (54), Wing Lung Village, Shun Tak, residing at 44, Jervois Street, Tai Hing Drapery Shop. Injuries to head and hand.

So Chun (87), residing at 24, Sai Yuen Lane, Sai Ying Pun (coolie). Injuries to head and face.

Chan Kwai (60), residing at Hennessy Road—Manager of Ho On Seamen's Boarding House.

Li Mau (31), residing at Main Street, Aberdeen.
Cheung Shek Yeung (12), Shatin.
(Continued as foot of next column.)

DUTY OF BRITISH PEOPLE.

To Make a Close Study of Indian Problem.
SIR J. SIMON'S ADVICE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir John Simon, speaking at London University to-night, said that it was the paramount duty of the British people to make a close study of the Indian problem. Pledges had been given up to the Indian people to which every party was committed, and from which not one would dream of drawing back. But before any one could usefully consider alterations to the present very complicated constitutional structure of India, they must study patiently what it was, because whatever the new constitutional plan—and he trusted it would be an ampler and more generous plan—it must inevitably be super-imposed on the existing foundations.—British Wireless Service.

CAMPBELL TO MAKE ANOTHER RECORD?

Attempt May Be Made in New Zealand.

ALTERATIONS TO "BLUEBIRD."

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Malcolm Campbell, who created the world's land speed record of 245.7 miles per hour at Daytona in February, has decided to attempt to drive his "Blue Bird" car even faster.

Before then, however, the car, including its Napier-Lion engine, will undergo alterations suggested by experience and new research.

The "Blue Bird" will be shipped to Australia and New Zealand in the Autumn, to be exhibited in the principal cities.

Sir Malcolm Campbell's attempt may be made in New Zealand next year, but he has no definite plans yet.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. GRAIN NOT BEING DUMPED IN EUROPE.

Denial By Chairman of Farm Board.

ACCUMULATION ADMITTED.

New York, Yesterday.
The Chairman of the Federal Farm Board denies the report that caused a sensation in the grain markets, namely, that the Board had decided to dump in Europe 275,000,000 bushels of wheat. It had been accumulated in order to maintain prices and benefit hard pressed American farmers.

The Chairman admitted that an effort was being made to sell by July 1, nearly 30,000,000 bushels, in spite of the denial that nearly all grain dealers in Chicago and New York were convinced that larger sales would be made.—Reuter's American Service.

GOVERNOR AGAIN.

MR. M. NORMAN RE-ELECTED FOR ELEVENTH TIME.

U.S. VISIT ENDED.

London, Yesterday.
For the eleventh time Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, who arrived in London to-night from the United States, where he has been secretly conferring with American financiers, was re-elected to-day as Governor of the Bank.—Reuter.

Chan Cheuk, engine driver. Unknown male, age about 28.
Chan Kiu (52), Fanling Station Signalman.

Ip Chot (41), residing at Choi Kee Rope Shop, Shamshuipo.

Lo Hing Kai, residing at Wai On Loong shop, Connaught Road Central.

Kwong Wah, Hospital—Li Wai-sun (52), 41, Queen's Road; Fung Chi (30), 41, Queen's Road—both discharged same day.

MANILA AEROPLANE TRAGEDY.

Pilot Killed Whilst Seeing 'Plane Off.
FREAK CRASH.

Manila, Yesterday.
Lieutenant Marvin Burnside, of the U.S. Army, was killed during a freak crash at Fort Stotsenburg yesterday. In a farewell gesture Burnside, in a small pursuit 'plane', followed a big bomber taking off for Manila. The backwash from the bomber's propellers sent him crashing to earth at a low altitude. The 'plane' was wrecked.

The bomber was piloted by Lieutenant Huggins, a close friend of Burnside, who was unaware of the tragedy until reaching Manila.—Reuter.

RUBBER DECLINE.

NEW LOW RECORD ON LONDON REACHED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Rubber fell to-day to a new low record of 2 13/16d per pound on the London exchange. This is 1/16 lower than yesterday. A month ago the price was 3 7/8d, and a year ago 7 1/4d. The cause of the latest fall is the further increase in excessive stocks in Great Britain.—British Wireless Service.

COOLER.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: Somewhat deep depression is central over N.E. Japan. An anti-cyclone has formed over N.E. China.

Forecast:—East winds, moderate; overcast; some rain; cooler.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Rainfall since January 1—12.86 inches against an average of 9.82 inches—surplus 3.04 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—	
Hong Kong	76
Macao	76
Pratas Island	79
Manila	74
Foochow	70
Amoy	70
Chefoo	46
Shanghai	50

STOP PRESS

Riga, To-day.
One woman and five men have been sentenced to death by a Soviet Court at Yefremov, upon the conclusion of a spectacular five-days' trial in which thirteen men and three women were charged with counter-revolutionary activities, by attempting to influence peasants against entering the collective farms.

In addition to the death sentences one woman and four men were sentenced to ten years' forced labour, and the remainder to periods of from three to five years.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
World-wide financial repercussions are predicted from the visit of Mr. Montagu Norman to America. While Mr. Norman himself maintains the closest secrecy it is believed that while in America he discussed with the financial authorities plans for the formation of a world trade credit bank to finance countries whose purchasing power has fallen heavily through the slump in commodities. If the plan is successful it will be of the greatest importance in speeding a return to world prosperity. Possibly Mr. Norman will announce details of the plan at the forthcoming meeting of the Bank of International Settlements at Basle. It is understood that Russia would participate in credits granted by the bank.—Reuter.

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Paris, Yesterday.
There was an affecting scene when Queen Ena and her children left their hotel for Fontainebleau. Her Majesty and her daughters were tearful.

No Ceremony.
London, Yesterday.
Ex-King Alfonso received a tremendous welcome at Victoria Station from huge crowds. In view of the recent threats on his life, hundreds of Police joined hands to keep the crowd back. Fifty detectives were present with an intimate knowledge of anarchists. There was no formality and the platform was uncarpeted, ex-King Alfonso being treated as a private citizen.

Welcome Surprise.
A welcome surprise awaited ex-King Alfonso when he arrived at Claridge's Hotel, being greeted by ex-King Manoel of Portugal. Alfonso, accompanied only by the Duc de Miranda, dined alone and not even his close friends were admitted to the Royal apartment.

Reuter was informed that ex-King Alfonso's visit to England is solely connected with the future of the Infante Juan, who is joining the British Navy.

"Malicious Slander."
Paris, Later.
The ex-King's intimate friends believed that Alfonso would remain out of Spain as an exile, but without abdicating until after the general elections, but nobody knew whether he would definitely renounce the throne in the event of the elections confirming the Republican victory.

The Monarchists' principal task was to remain in Spain and try to save the Republic from extremists who might plunge the country into Communism.

The Duke denied as a "malicious slander" the rumours that the ex-King had invested millions of dollars abroad, and said that he had invested the greater part of his private fortune in Spanish enterprises. While the King was not actually short of money, he would not be able to lead a life of luxury.

The Duke denied that a secret Italo-Spanish Treaty was concluded during Primo de Rivera's dictatorship.

The Duke later left for Madrid to convey the King's recommendations to all Monarchists.

Empire Recognition.
London, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that the British Empire as a whole re-

GANGSTER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Said to Have Tortured Lorry Driver.
TIED TO A TREE.

Catskills, New York State, Yesterday.
The notorious gangster, Jack Diamond, has been arrested and, it is believed, will be charged with torturing a lorry driver who was transporting liquor belonging to a rival.

Feet Over Fire.
The arrest followed the appearance before a Grand Jury of a middle-aged lorry driver, named Parks, his face covered with bruises and scratches, who alleged that Diamond and two confederates held him up near Acra on Thursday, beat and tied him to a tree, with his feet over a fire, because he refused to answer questions about a load of cider he was delivering.

Charged with Assault.
Diamond was charged with assault in the second degree on Parks. He pleaded not guilty.—Reuter's American Service.

cognises the new regime in Spain.—Reuter.

Hearty Welcome.
Rugby, Yesterday.
Ex-King Alfonso reached London to-night on a short visit stated to be connected with his intention to arrange for his son, the Infante Don Juan, to continue his Naval studies at Dartmouth Naval College. He drove by car from Paris to Calais and at Dover he was met by the former Spanish Ambassador, Marquis Merry del Val.

On arrival in London he was greeted by friends and members of the Spanish Colony, who gave him a hearty welcome.

A large crowd watched his departure from the station by car for his hotel.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.
Madrid, Yesterday.
A demand for the trial of King Alfonso on political and criminal charges is made in a manifesto by the Republican and Socialist organisation, urging inter alia the disarming of the forces of the old regime, and the punishment of those connected with the old regime, including Alfonso, "to whom attaches a grave suspicion of having committed not only a series of political offences but many misdemeanours in connection with illegal transactions during his reign, especially under cover of the three last dictatorships."

It is understood that it is intended that arms for 150,000 workers in Madrid shall be stored against an emergency.

The Government is also said to propose the release of workers and warrant officers in the army from payment of income tax, regardless of the size of their income.

The prisons administration offices of Madrid were decked with sweet-scented flowers to-day, when Senorita Kent, the new director, took charge. This is evidence of women's permeation of Spanish politics which will be taken a step further when the Constituent Assembly is convoked, for proposals are to be submitted to it giving women the vote and the right to sit in Parliament.

The attitude of the new Government to birth control is still not clear. The question has never been seriously raised in Spain, and a prominent member of the supreme feminist council declared that there is really no demand for birth control in Spain; but a reform which the Government will certainly undertake is the stipulation for a medical inspection before marriage.

The flight of capital continues, the banks being overwhelmed with applications for transfer of stocks and shares and mortgaging property.

Several serious bankruptcies are reported from Barcelona, where a drop in exchange is greatly worrying business men. Enterprise is almost at a standstill.

The stabilisation question cannot be dealt with until a Parliament has been convoked, and the Government therefore wants to hurry on the general elections before the possibility of an unfavourable political reaction.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN BANK FAILURE?

N.S. Wales Savings Bank Rumour.
"COOL HEADS" URGED.

Canberra, Yesterday.
It is rumoured that the New South Wales Savings Bank, with deposits of \$35,000,000 has failed.

There was a heated debate in the House of Representatives to-day, members urging Mr. Scullin to declare that the stability of other State savings banks would be protected.

Mr. Scullin urged "cool heads" and said that the Bank Board was submitting a proposal to amalgamate the Commonwealth and New South Wales Savings Banks. The Commonwealth Bank might be compelled to aid other institutions, but he believed that all the banks were solvent.—Reuter.

FORCED LABOUR IN THE EMPIRE.

Convention Applied in All Colonies.

NO MODIFICATION.

London, Yesterday.
A White Paper issued in London states that the British Government proposes to apply in all its self-governing colonies, protectorates, and mandated territories, without any modification, the draft convention and recommendations concerning forced or compulsory labour adopted at the International Labour Conference at Geneva last June.—Reuter.

WARDER DETAINED.

PRISONERS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN BADLY TREATED.

TOW-BOAT MINED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Kongmoon, Yesterday.
Chairman Chan Ming-shi, after inspecting the prison at Tolshan, gave an order to detain the Chief Warden for treating the prisoners badly and unfairly.

Chairman Chan left Tolshan on April 17 and returned to the Kin Yue at Suncheong in the afternoon. He will proceed to Hekshan overland via Kongmoon, after paying a visit to Chekhom in the Hoping district and spending the afternoon in shooting at Suncheong and Tikhof.

The last motor coach from Kung-yick to Sunning ran into a wrong line and collided with the train from Pakkai in the afternoon at Kung-yick on April 17. Had not both slowed down before the impact there would have been a tragedy; however, several passengers were injured through jumping overboard in the excitement.

On account of refusing to pay a squeeze, the regular Canton-Kung-yick tow-boat Tung Kee was mined at Sek Pik, Fushan. Over 30 were killed or drowned, and the rest were rescued by the passing tow-boats.

SUEZ CANAL DUES— BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT EXPECTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In reply to the House of Commons question the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, said that the complaint of British shipowners against the scale of the Suez Canal dues was being carefully considered and he hoped soon to be able to make a statement.—British Wireless Service.

ONCE TOO OFTEN.

"You seem to do this habitually," said Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he imposed twelve months' hard labour on Tan On, a returned banished, who was banished for 10 years in 1928.

A similar sentence was imposed on Chan Fat, who was found in Kowloon yesterday, after having been banished for 10 years in 1930.

PROCEDURE WHOLLY "UNWARRANTED."

A Fugitive's Counsel's Strong Protest.
BAIL NOT ALLOWED.

The Fukienese who is charged with the alleged embezzlement of 75,000 rupees from a firm in Rangoon, made another appearance before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. C. E. L. Grist) appeared for the defence, and said that he understood that the fugitive had denied the charge made against him, although he had expressed his willingness to return to Rangoon under escort. Counsel thought that it was not proper to let the defendant go back to Rangoon with an escort, even though it was voluntary, but that a date should be fixed for the hearing of the case.

Changed His Mind.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara, who is appearing for the private prosecutor, informed the Magistrate that the Rangoon Police escort arrived here yesterday on the s.s. Sudana. He thought the best thing to do was for the Magistrate to fix a date for the hearing. Apparently the fugitive had changed his mind about returning voluntarily.

Mr. Lo intimated that his learned friend had misunderstood the defendant. He recalled that the fugitive had asked the Magistrate for permission to go first to Amoy without an escort, and then return to Rangoon.

Mr. Lo raised the question of bail and stated that it was a privilege a fugitive offender should enjoy, according to law.

Mr. Macnamara said that his instructions were to oppose bail. He submitted that in a case like the present one it was the discretion of the Magistrate, whether or not to grant bail.

No Right to Bail.
Sub-inspector Elston intimated that he had been requested by Mr. Fitzroy (Public Prosecutor) to say that in this case the fugitive was charged with felony, and therefore he had no real right to demand bail. The Inspector added that if the warrant brought here by the Rangoon Police were in proper order the fugitive must be taken back to Rangoon. This was not a case of extradition and the accused could not oppose going back under escort on that warrant, whatever the charges might be.

Mr. Lo submitted that as the prisoner had denied the charge all along, the Court had to be satisfied with the legal evidence in support of the charge. Counsel went on to say that it was true that in felony, an accused person had no right to demand bail, but was he demanding bail? Counsel contended that he was merely applying for bail on behalf of the prisoner, and under the Fugitive Offenders' Act he had a right to do so.

Further Charges.
Inspector Elston added that he had been instructed by the court that on arrival of the fugitive at Rangoon further charges, relating to other sums of money, might be preferred against him. He had been instructed also to oppose bail.

His Worship said that in the meanwhile he would not grant bail, as he would have to hear further details as regards the other charges. He would remand the fugitive for 24 hours.

Mr. Lo remarked that the procedure was "wholly unwarranted," in view of the prisoner's denials.

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VISIT TO LISBON.

Rugby, Yesterday.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is travelling Homeward from South America in the s.s. Arlanza, will reach London on Saturday. He will go ashore and pay an official visit, later attending a banquet in his honour to be given by the Portuguese President. The same night he will join H.M. cruiser Kent, which is proceeding to Lisbon to meet him.—British Wireless Service.

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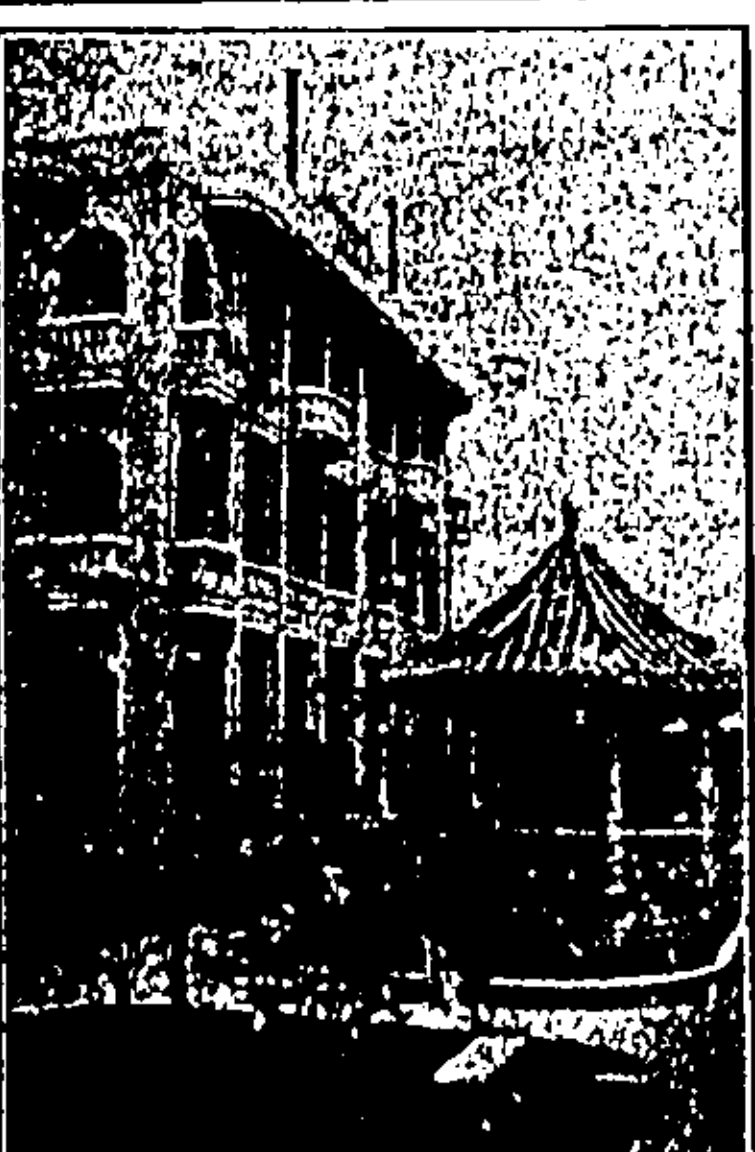
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Hong Kong, 20th April, 1931.

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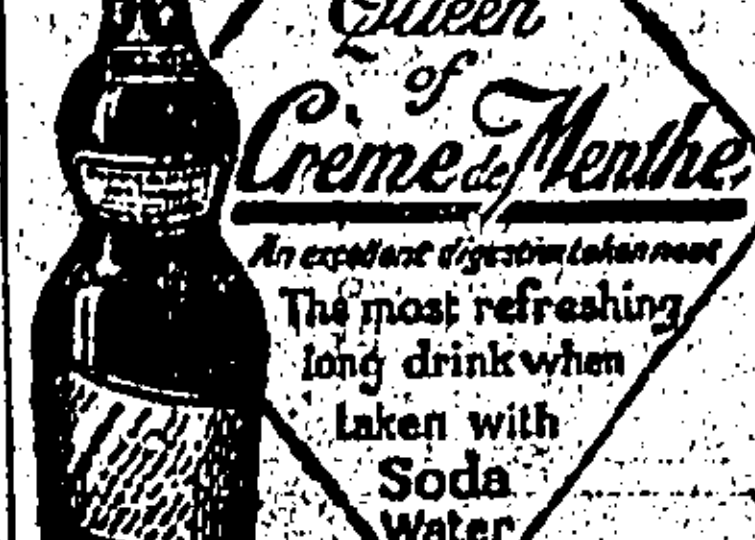
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The story of Dick is told by Joseph Delmont, the German novelist and big game hunter, in a new book, "Catching Wild Beasts Alive," which is published by Hutchinson's.

Mr. Delmont has captured thousands of animals during years of travel in all the continents of the world. He says that he is seized with remorse to think that he has deprived so many animals of freedom, and that he would never again capture animals in order to keep them behind bars.

He tells the story of Dick in a chapter on "Animals of the wild as doctors." He himself caught Dick in Borneo. He was an orang-utang, the largest of three, and the tamest.

One day Dick had a battle with a tapir, and soon all the denizens of the yard were fighting. Many were wounded.

"While," say Mr. Delmont, "I was sewing and binding the wounds, Dick never left my side. He assumed an air of great importance and kept seizing my hand, puckering his lips, and lecturing me on the way I should work, until I was on the point of having him caged up so that I could get on."

Mr. Delmont bound Dick's finger. A little later there was a scream, and he saw Dick holding a guano monkey. Dick had torn off a bandage that was on the screaming monkey, and was pressing wet clay into the wound.

Systematic Work.

"During the following days," he says, "Dick was extraordinarily busy. The big monkeys had continually to defend themselves against his efforts to treat them, and Dick was always in trouble." "Dick," says Mr. Delmont, "went very systematically to work with his cures. He would wash the wounds with his tongue and with wet leaves off betel nut. Dick never used any other leaves."

One day Dick sat on a log with his head on one side. His hand was hot and his pulse irregular.

"What's the matter, Dick?" asked Mr. Delmont. Dick opened his mouth. He was given medicine.

Next morning Dick sat in the sun, with both hands to his left cheek.

"When I came to him," says Mr. Delmont, "I noticed to my astonishment, that he had smeared the left half of his face with wet clay and was holding a big lump of clay pressed to his left lower jaw. His mouth was also full of clay."

"He looked at me mournfully, glanced at my hand as though looking for something, and began to chatter, the clay running over his under lip."

Cure—Or Kill!

"I noticed that the left half of the orang's face was swollen. He had a severe gumboil, and was curing himself with cold clay."

"Three days later he himself pulled out the ailing tooth and brought it to me, beaming with delight."

"Dick spent a good deal of his time reporting to me the ailments of other animals. He was the first to discover that one of the orang orphans was sick with tuberculosis. Dick carried the little invalid about the whole day like a mother."

The little orang was given medicine three times a day. Dick noticed this.

One day he stole the crocodile bottle and gave the little orang a dose. It killed the little orang.

"One thing was beyond all doubt," says Mr. Delmont. "Dick knew at once when an animal was ill. If there was nothing at hand with which to dose the patient he would try and cheer him up with all sorts of jests."

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The unemployed crisis in Australia has placed more tramps on the road in search of work than at any other time in Australian history.

The old-time "swagger," with his bundle of blankets, tea billy, and inevitable dog, has always been a part of the country landscape.

These men spent their lives wandering from station to station, doing odd jobs here and there, but never staying in one place long. They generally timed their arrival at a station as the sun was sinking, and for that reason were known as "sundowners," picturesque characters of whom the poet Henry Lawson sang.

To-day the roads are thronged with a different crowd, earnest seekers after work, mostly, a motley crowd of every trade and calling, in all sorts of clothes and carrying every kind of baggage, from the familiar blanket roll to suitcases.

Unemployed Camps.

Many, of course, travel only with the clothes they stand up in—all they possess. Nearly every country town of any size has its unemployed camp, an area set apart for the use of these unfortunate men.

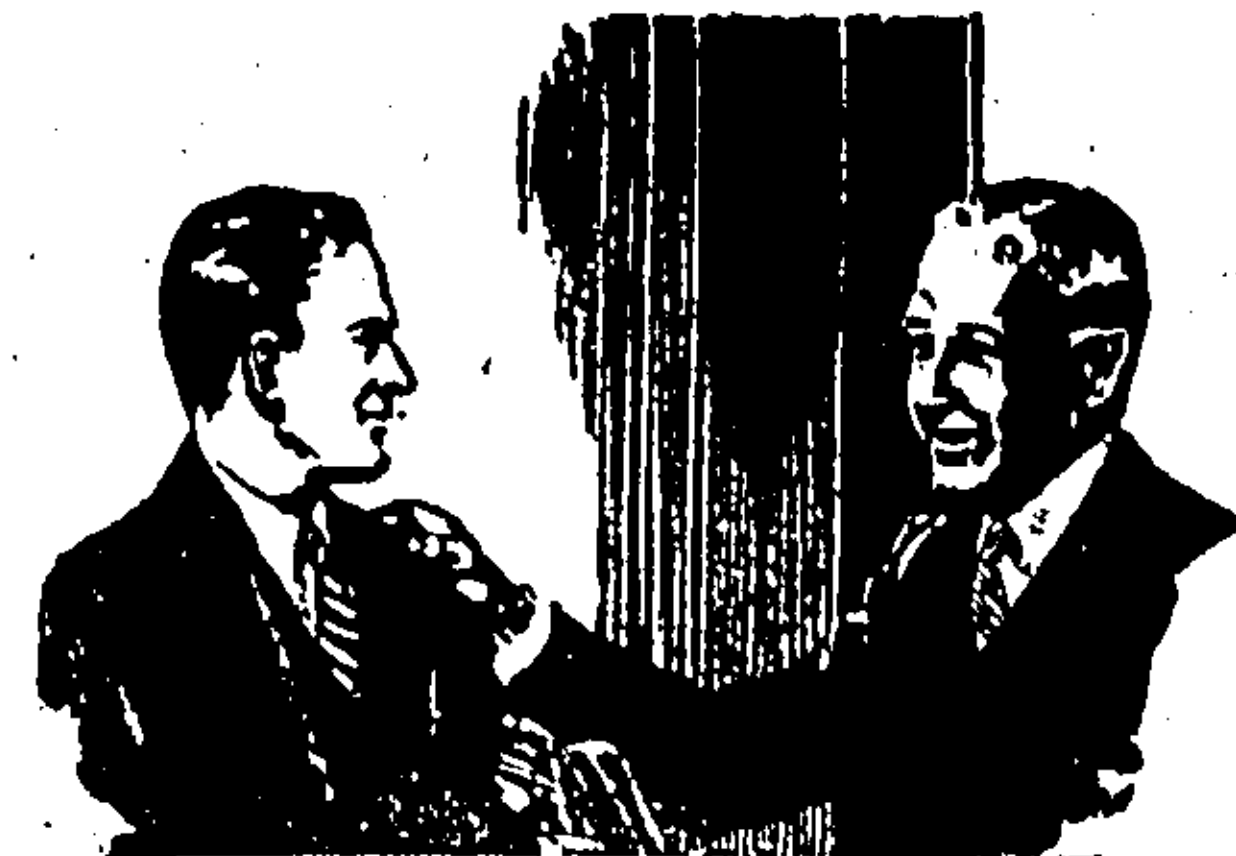
Jack London's stories of "The Road" have a parallel in the history of many of the Australian tramps. No longer are they content to walk or take a lift from some kindly motorist when it offers. Having no money to pay railway fares, great numbers of them travel by train without observing that preliminary. Some do long journeys clinging to the underslung rods beneath the carriages; some creep into empty goods vans or beneath the tarpaulins covering full open trucks; others, who have sufficient nerve and self-confidence, and whose clothes are still sufficiently presentable, take a chance even in the passenger carriages, hiding under seats or in lavatories or anticipating the movements of the ticket collectors.

It is no uncommon thing to see 20 or 30 men before the courts in large country towns on charges of travelling on the railways without paying fares. Railway officers say that they are unable to cope with the problem.

**"HOLY CAVE" IN
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The Sacro Speco (Holy Cave) of St. Benedict at Subiaco, near Rome, is in great danger owing to a tendency of the cliff to split and crumble away. Bits of rock sometimes fall close to pilgrims at prayer in the chapels. Infiltration of water is believed to cause the trouble, and it is estimated that some \$5,000 is needed for the necessary engineering work of restoration. The Italian Government is expected to contribute perhaps a third of the sum, and the



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All these monasteries have disappeared; only the Holy Cave of the Saint remains, which is reached higher up the gorge through a dark wood of gnarled and twisted llexes, belonging to the time of Benedict. A monastery, an upper and lower church, a labyrinth of chapels supported on arches against the cliff, cluster round it, forming altogether what is known as the Sacro Speco.

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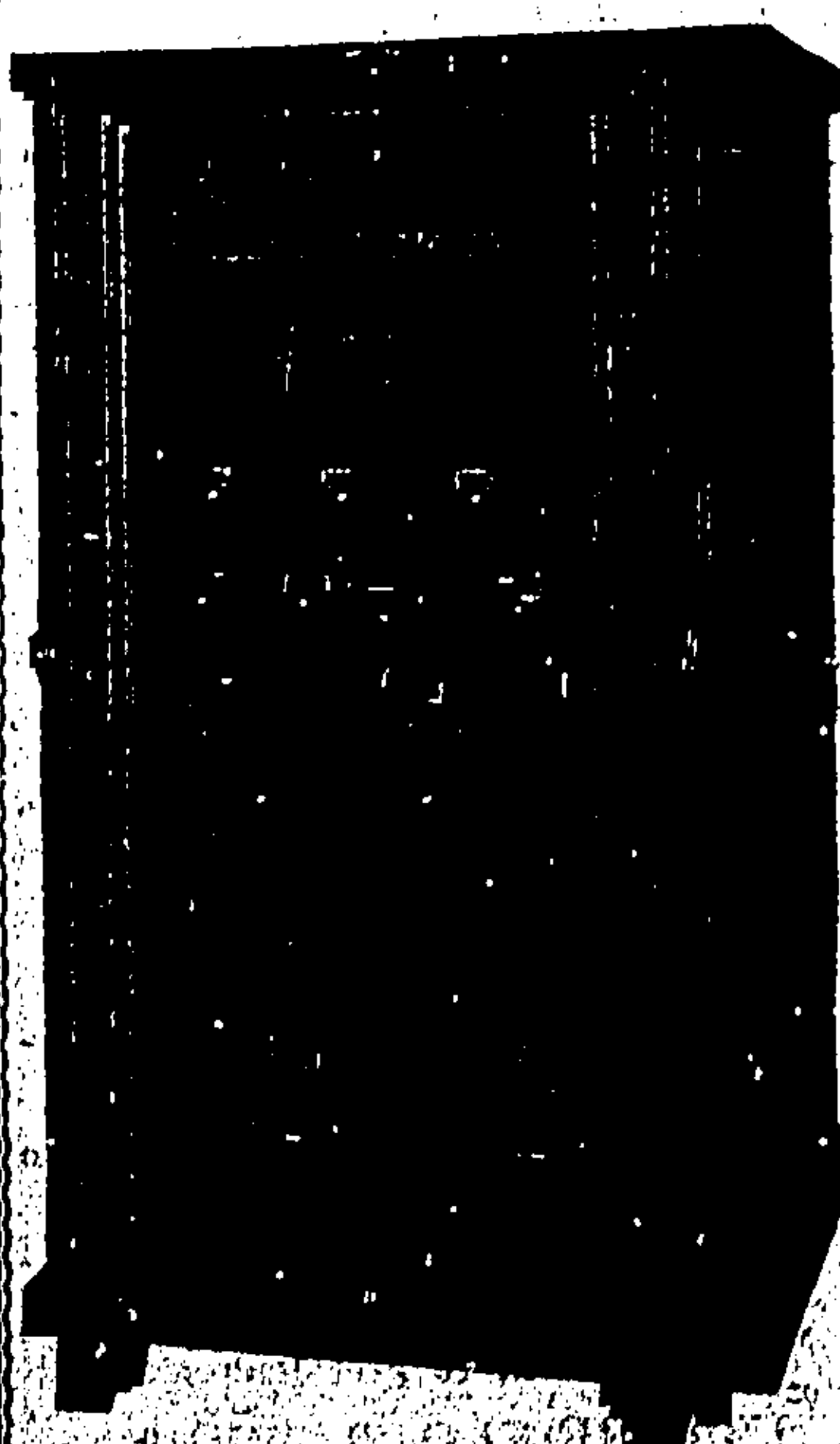
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.	6th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Seattle Maru	Sat.	2nd May
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SUPERCHARGING.

PAPER AT INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

Mr. G. J. Lugt's comprehensive paper which he read last month before the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders added something to our knowledge concerning supercharging, a term to which, with some justice, he objects. But many words through common usage become part of our language, although, if analysed, their meaning does not express what they intend to convey, and probably many engineers will not be alarmed because the actual meaning of the word "supercharge" would appear to be "overloaded." Hence, Mr. Lugt's suggested terms "atmospheric" and "super-atmospheric" are not likely to obtain widespread adoption, states the Motor Ship.

Apart from the theoretical investigations which Mr. Lugt carried out and explained in the paper, it was valuable as affording further evidence of the reliability of pressure-charged engines in service, and everything seems to indicate that pressure-charged machinery may operate at ratings 30 per cent. or 40 per cent. above the normal, for prolonged periods, without suffering under any disadvantages from the standpoint of reliability. After two years service with one vessel equipped with pressure-charged engines, the cylinder liner wear was found to be normal, corresponding to that usually found in the lines of an engine without pressure charging. Mr. Lugt considered that a safe mean indicated pressure for pressure-charged engines, no matter what system be employed, is 125 lb. per sq. in., and this represents an increase of about 40 per cent. over the normal output of an engine, taking the increased mechanical efficiency into account. The weight added to the engine is in the neighbourhood of 4 per cent., which is a small proportion of the 40 per cent. increased output. Equally interesting was the conclusion which seemed at least to be implied in the paper that, taking all circumstances into consideration, no one system of pressure charging is distinctly superior to the others.

Many who thought that the labours of the Marine Oil Engine Trials Committee were concluded will be interested to read the report, which will be issued shortly by the committee, on the motor ship Polyphemus, fitted with pressure-charged machinery, for it is the first time that engines arranged for pressure-charging have been subjected to trials by the committee. In this ship the Burchi exhaust gas charging method is adopted, and it now only remains for the committee to carry out corresponding trials on one of the latest Burmeister and Wain-engined ships equipped with their system of pressure charging.

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, April 20.
Memnon, British str., 4,755 tons, Capt. A. Gordon, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Selandia, Danish str., 3,163 tons, Captain E. Christensen, from Tsingtao, buoy No. A11.—John Manners & Co.
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, China Merchants S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Tweedbank, British str., 3,437 tons, Captain T. H. Morgan, from Manila, Texas Oil Wharf.—Bank Line.
Zosma, Dutch str., 6,308 tons, Capt. K. E. Dik, from Shanghai, buoy No. A9.—J.C.J.L.
Tuesday, April 21.
Anchises, British str., 6,212 tons, Capt. J. Dunlop, from Shanghai, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Canton, French str., 953 tons, Capt. Cleinence, from Haiphong, buoy No. B8.—M. M.
Chinese Prince, British str., 3,656 tons, Capt. E. E. Jones, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Furness (Far-East), Ltd.
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. E. Sanada, from Swatow Stonecutters Anchorage.—O.S.K.
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Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larier, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Bennevis from Leth, Antwerp, London, Straits, and Manila left Manila for this port on Monday afternoon (April 20), and is due to arrive here tomorrow morning (April 23). The P. & O. s.s. Rajputana left Shanghai for this port on April 21 at 4 p.m. and is due here on April 24 at about 7 a.m.

TYNE TRADE IN 1930.

BIG RISE IN IMPORTS FROM RUSSIA.

At a meeting of the Tyne Improvement Commission at Newcastle Mr. Francis Priestman, chairman of the Finance Committee, in presenting the accounts for the year 1930, said the volume of January and February trade led them to hope that the year might be as good as, or better than 1929, but the worst fears of trade depression were to be realised. They were entitled, however, to take some credit for having been able, notwithstanding the acute depression of the year, with its relatively small trade returns, to produce a surplus of £19,000 after meeting all their commitments and without allowing any of their equipment to be impaired.

The revenue fell below that of 1929 by £75,000, due in part to the reduced volume of trade, but they still had found it possible to give some further help to industry by reducing dues and charges to the extent of £12,000 in a full year.

In the fall in coal shipments the Tyne did not stand alone. It showed the largest fall of all the North-East Coast ports, but it must be remembered that it was the largest coal exporting port of the United Kingdom. It was perhaps to be expected, therefore, that in a reduced national export, such as they had in 1930 compared with the excellent volume of 1929, it should suffer in ratio with its position. There were, however, some pleasing features in their mineral export trade. The value of their foreign coke connection was further exemplified in 1930. They received additions to their markets in Finland and the East and West Indies. Although they did not reach the 1929 record, they did not fall a long way below it, and he hoped that the 1930 volume of a little short of 1,000,000 tons, compared with a little over 1,000,000 tons in 1929, had become more or less stabilised, with always a prospect of further demands.

The import of general goods was better than 1929 by 41,000 tons. The main items were pit props and oats. While the port had benefited, the imports were the result of the policy of the Soviet Government, which had been the subject of adverse criticism. There was a large increase of pit props from Russia in 1929, but the quantity in 1930 of 134,000 loads provided an increase of roughly 150 per cent. over 1929, while Finland and Sweden showed substantial decreases. They had also an import of 18,000 tons of Russian oats, against a nil import in 1929.

Bigger Shipyard Output.
In shipbuilding the gross tonnage launched was 323,750 tons—an increase of 52,000 tons on 1929. While the number of vessels launched was smaller, the average size at 6,000 gross tons constituted a record for the port. In contradistinction to the Tyne's position under that head the average size of vessels built in the United Kingdom last year was smaller as was also that of the world's building. The Tyne's proportion of the total output of the United Kingdom increased from 18 per cent. in 1929, to 22 per cent. last year. The Tyne occupied second place in the table of shipbuilding, centres of the United Kingdom in 1930, and had a larger increased output than any other shipbuilding centre. Incidentally the Tyne was the only port on the North-east Coast which was able to show an increase on the 1929 output.

LIMCHOW'S REPAIRS.

The China Mail, upon enquiry this morning, was informed that the necessary repairs to the stranded (and now refloated) s.s. Limchow were being completed. It is expected that the vessel will be in a condition to be towed back to Hong Kong at noon to-morrow.

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Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 5
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 16	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 26	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 4) President Lincoln
Japan Kahlo Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 2) Chichibu Maru

SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

Calcutta and Straits Sui Sang
SUNDAY, APRIL 26.
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OUTWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22.

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Amoy Taiyuan 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Straits Van Heutsz 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong Canton 2.30 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Amoy Tilsaroea 4.30 p.m.
Amoy Sirahana 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia Comorin 8.30 a.m.
Siberia Dell Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Klungchow 10.30 a.m.
Holchow, Pakhoi & Haiphong Hai Yang 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Sui Sang 5 p.m.
Amoy Rajputana (Due Marseilles, May 22) G.P.O.

Parcels Apr. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Apr. 25, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., May 14 and Europe via Siberia) Apr. 24, 5 p.m.
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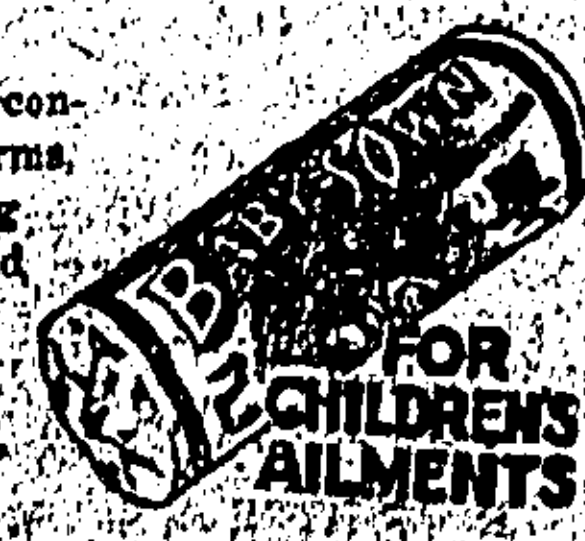
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SUNDAY CINEMAS.

In the House of Commons a victory has been scored as the result of a free vote on the Sunday Entertainments Bill, giving local authorities the power to licence the opening of cinemas on Sunday.

It would have been expected that, except on the score of Sunday employment, the Labour Party would have been wholeheartedly in favour of the measure introduced by the Home Secretary, but it was all to the good that a Liberal in Sir John Simon and a Conservative in Mr. Neville Chamberlain should also have been in the majority. Buried in the misty past are the heinous offences of breaking sticks on the Sabbath Day, reading a secular book, or sewing on a button in order to appear respectable in church.

The national conscience has undergone a tremendous upheaval. There are, it is true, according to the report of the debate in the House of Commons, people to-day who decry the opening of cinemas and who would ban even the Y.M.C.A. from playing cricket on the Lord's Day—the same type of person probably who would ban a Sunday newspaper produced for the most part on a Saturday night and yet grumble were they to be deprived of their Monday morning newspaper produced almost wholly on Sunday.

The spirit of the Cottar's Saturday Night, of which Robert Burns wrote, may not to-day be found even in the most Sabbatharian parts of Scotland itself,

but it has never been succeeded by a universal People's Sunday Night on similar lines. A weak effort has been made to popularise Pleasant Sunday Afternoons, but no satisfactory substitute has been suggested for cinemas and other places of entertainment to which the masses can go in preference to staying indoors on a wet Sunday night in overcrowded and unhygienic slums.

In Eastern Colonies like Hong Kong the question of opening or closing cinemas on Sunday has not arisen in acute form. The authorities have permitted Sunday opening so long that only an extreme Sabbatarian could be expected at this late date to clamour for a reversion of that policy. And then he would find himself in a hopeless minority in a Colony where pleasures are so rare both on week-days and Sundays. In any case the individual conscience applies here as well as at home. One is not compelled to attend a cinema, witness a cricket match, or take part in a golf competition. Some good people may frown on such things on Sunday. We respect their views and do what we like. We do not seek to force our views upon them. And seemingly the Colony is none the worse for this spirit of toleration of what shall and what shall not be done on Sundays.

News in Brief.

Falling down the stairs of 17 Main Street, Shamshui, a girl, Yun Wu-lin, (7) received bodily injuries, and was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where her condition is reported to be serious.

In celebration of the birthday of the Emperor of Japan, a reception will be held in the home of Mr. T. Yoshida, Consul for Japan, and Mrs. Yoshida, 7A Conduit Road, on April 29 from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

The Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, and Mrs. Duppy left by the Helan Maru yesterday, for the North. The Rev. N. V. Halward and the Rev. C. B. Shann and Mrs. Shann were passengers by the same steamer.

A boy named Chung Kam-chuen, aged one year, who was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on April 18 suffering from scalds, died at 6.45 p.m. yesterday. It will be recalled that the incident happened at 7, Wo Hop Street, where the lad pulled a pot of hot soup from a table.

Pleading "guilty" to the larceny of \$1.35 from Chak Hung at Keelung Street yesterday, Li Chun was at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, sent to jail for 14 days. The money was part of a sum of \$5 in a small basket, hanging in the complainant's shop, and the defendant seized the contents, making off with \$1.35.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CRUELTY TO BEASTS.

[To the Editor of "China Mail."]

Sir,—In this Colony, where there is already far too much ignorant cruelty to animals, a film like "Ingagi" ought to be prohibited. How can one chase Chinese for ill-treating and neglecting animals after assisting at a spectacle in which two white men, one with a handle to his name, indulge in a general massacre of every beast they come across, obviously enjoy it, and appear to be thoroughly proud of it.

It may be necessary to kill beasts for food, self-protection, or commerce, but it should never be a pleasure to do so, and the fact that it is a pleasure to some people does not make the enjoyment of cruelty any more of a desirable characteristic.

There are some things which we all know happen, but of which we are not proud and which we prefer not to think much about... the proceedings in a slaughter-house, for instance. At any rate, we do not get shown films of it, or we might enjoy our beefsteak less. Equally we are not proud of the existence in our midst of the killer who kills for the joy of it: but here he is presented to us in a series of scenes of butchery which are not "Hollywood" but real. The thing is a carnival of bloodshed, rendered more nauseating by the fact that the animals are invariably either unsuspecting or attempting to escape. After watching the "bumping off" of about eleven species of beasts by these civilised gunmen, I left the theatre without waiting to see the gorillas bumped off in their turn, feeling as if I had spent an evening in an abattoir and ashamed of my own countrymen.

"It's a fine day—let's go out and kill something" is a reproach too often levelled at Britons: it is humiliating to see it publicly proved correct. Films of unrelieved brutality are supposed to be barred; unless brutality to beasts is regarded as not being brutality, it is difficult to see how this film, depicting revolting barbarity, can ever have passed the Censor.

Yours, etc.,

H.T.

Hong Kong, April 21.

ANIMAL WELFARE.

BROADCAST TALK BY S.P.C.A. MEMBER.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES.

In the course of a broadcast talk on Monday a member of the S.P.C.A. said:—

By arrangement with the Police, our Society will now collect stray dogs picked up by the Police and taken to Kennedy Town. Where they are destroyed unless claimed by their owners. We will regularly advertise in the local Press the number of dogs with description of breed and markings; and if owners of dogs will communicate with our Home or ring up Mr. Fowler, telephone No. 59802, information will be obtained with reference to their dogs, if at the Home. This arrangement has been made in order to reduce the number of dogs destroyed every month by the Police. It will entail extra expense from our funds, but I have no doubt you will readily agree to our action.

To become a member of our Society a subscription of \$2 or donation to our funds will bring you into our membership. If in your district you can form a small group who may be interested in the work, you could arrange with our Secretary for one or more of your party to attend our Monthly Meeting; this would be of great help, and would insure some activity in districts where our Inspectors cannot attend. A great deal of organisation is still needed, and can only be effectively carried through if more assistance is forthcoming.

Our scheme to centralise the buying and selling of birds, dogs, and other animals, should be worthy of all help from those in power. The places in use just now for the sale of animals are not at all suitable; dark and insanitary, and not conducive to the well-being of animals.

Our Committee meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month, in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, when we will be pleased if any member comes forward to assist. We have had a very active term and a very generous response to our financial drive, also our Carnival Ball held in the Peninsula Hotel was a great success.

If sufficient interest was displayed by members, it might be possible to organise a Dog and Cat show and in some way demonstrate how animals respond to care and kind treatment; work of this kind demands the close co-operation of many helpers. I see the Rotary Club have a side branch called the Community of Service. I should like to see a representative from

that body on our Committee; we have tried very hard to get representatives from the Y.M.C.A. (European and Chinese) but their attendance at our meeting has not been forthcoming, probably they could more easily form a group in their own society to take up the matter of animal welfare.

Social work I know demands a lot of one's time, every one is so interested, but the workers are few, it is so easy, sometimes, to get into a lazy attitude, and leave the work to the willing horse; how much easier, it would be to get many matters reminded if only you would put your shoulders to the wheel; many helpers make easy work.

I have sometimes been twitted by others of my reasons, for serving as a member of the S.P.C.A. and sometimes it's not easy to explain, but if we all could choose our work, I'm afraid there would be a good deal of chaos, we get an invisible urge at times, a particular task is given to us and when that comes it's up to everyone to carry out his task to the best of one's ability.

Our Society here was formed by people who had a keen sense of public duty, and in a society such as ours, one must have courage to carry on with the good work even if some will call you cranky, or tell you how much better one would be looking after the children of the Colony. Well I cannot conceive that people who are fond of animals are less fond of children, or without their sympathy from any deserving cause. Rather will it be the opposite where love of animals exist, love for all members of the universe must also be alive.

We have great hopes that the work of our Society should commend itself to you. Don't withdraw your support because you think we are not active enough. Remember our time is limited, and it is sometimes a very slow process even getting a little accomplished, but that little is always something and may be a tremendous change in the life of some animal, so that even your presence at our meetings is not a waste of time if you get into the work and make your presence felt, make the readjustment of any grievance your work, and so our Society will be a progressive one, where harmony will be the keynote of all our actions and happiness will be found in making others happy.—Contributed.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

ONLY ONE DEATH FROM ENTERIC FEVER.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended April 18, is as follows:—

Cases	Deaths
Enteric fever	1
Small-pox	1
Tuberculosis	62

Summary to April 18.
The returns from January 1 to April 18 give the following figures:—

Cases	Deaths
Typhoid	60
Small-pox	11
Scarlet fever	2
Diphtheria	48
Cerebro-spinal fever	5
Puerperal fever	4
Tuberculosis	766

Thirteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, and 14 diphtheria cases.

CORPSE FOUND.

LEFT BY ABSCONDING TENANTS.

Finding it difficult to make both ends meet, through failure to pay rent for three months, a Chinese married couple of 7, Fuk Wah Lane, absconded.

After they had left, a boy named Ah So, about four months old, was found dead in a rear cubicle. The body was taken to the Public Mortuary, but the Police report adds that there are no suspicious circumstances attached to the case, as the child had been ill for some time past.

TRUST BELIED.

MONEY GIVEN TO BUY STEAMSHIP TICKETS.

Leung Yat-yu, residing at the Tung Ah Boarding House, has reported to the Police that a certain person is alleged to have stolen a leather trunk with clothing in it, to the value of \$103, recently.

Another resident, named Cheung Chung-ming, has reported that he entrusted the same man with \$200 to purchase three steamship tickets for Tientsin on April 17. It is alleged that he failed to buy the tickets, and did not return to the house.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S RETURN.

Mr. Justice Wood Going on Leave.

MR. MELBOURNE'S DEPARTURE.

Sir Joseph H. Kemp, Chief Justice, will return to-morrow aboard the P. & O. s.s. Comorin.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Acting Chief Justice in the absence of Sir Joseph Kemp, will leave for Home on leave, on Saturday, in the P. & O. s.s. Rajputana. Also aboard the Rajputana, going Home on retirement, will be Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Registrar, Supreme Court, over a period of many years, who retired a short while ago.

A FREE FIGHT?

AMERICAN SAILOR IN CIVIL HOSPITAL.

According to a Police report an American sailor named P.O. Grant, of the U.S.S. Whipple now lying in harbour, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, yesterday, suffering from injuries to his face, alleged to have been inflicted by some other American sailors in Johnston Road, Wanchai.

INVISIBLE RAY.

TO GUIDE CHANNEL AIR LINERS.

Cross-Channel pilots of the future, when flying "blind" in fog or darkness, will be guided from Britain to France in a direct line by an invisible "beam"—a radio beacon.

The beam will be operated from Abbeville, France, and it has proved so successful in secret tests carried out by the French Air Ministry that the system will revolutionise the guidance of Channel aircraft.

The method is astonishingly simple. Two wireless transmitters are fixed a short distance apart at Abbeville. One sends out a continuous "F" and the other a continual "L" in Morse. These signals intersect to form a continuous straight line between Dover and Paris.

A long as an airplane is flying along this line the pilot will hear in his earphones a continuous buzz caused by the mingling of the two signals.

If he deviates to one side the buzzing merges into an "F" or an "L" signal according to the side. Thus, by his ear alone, the pilot can guide his machine from Paris to Dover without once seeing the ground and without the use of a compass.

Buried Cable.

The maximum error even at Paris, eighty miles from the beacon, is only one mile, and it is proposed to instal a buried cable, leading to the aerodrome, more than a mile in length, which the pilot can pick up at Paris and which will guide him to his destination in the thickest fog.

The Air Union pilots who have been testing the beacon are enthusiastic. "It eliminates both instrumental and human error," said one pilot. "It is almost like following an invisible road or railway, and removes most of the uncertainty of fog-flying."

"Although both outgoing and incoming airplanes use the same road, there is no danger of collision, as they fly at different heights, and we fly now in weather which would formerly have held us up."

"The sole disadvantage is the monotony of listening to the signal. We are now testing an apparatus on air-liners which consists of a glowing lamp. When on our course the lamp glows steadily, but when we diverge the lamp flashes the "F" or "L" signal."

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of April 22, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6%. The Chinese visitors from the Straits who are to meet our local Chinese at tennis are busy practising. The matches commence on Monday.

The visitors number over a dozen, but we understand that only three of them are proficient with the racket. No programme has been issued yet, but we are informed that three singles and possibly three doubles matches will be played. One of the Straits men is said to be a good player. Although our champion Ng Sze-kwong beat him 6-3 in a practice set, he is expected to make a good showing. A doubles combination is also expected to give a good account of itself.

The C.R.C. will welcome the visitors at a dinner at the Club to-morrow night.

DEAD CHILDREN IN HONG KONG.

1,300 Bodies Found Yearly.

M.P.'S & APPALLING DISCLOSURE

The London Daily Telegraph of March 26 thus amplifies the cable sent to Hong Kong papers on the same date:

The astonishing statement was made in the House of Commons yesterday that an average of more than 1,300 bodies of dead children are picked up in the streets of Hong Kong each year.

The statement, which was made in a question by Mr. Graham White, the Liberal member for East Birkenhead, was not contested by the Under-Secretary for the Colonies (Dr. Shiels), who replied that the matter had been inquired into some little time ago.

In a despatch from the Governor it was stated that in almost every

Mr. E. Brown (L. Leith): Surely the hon. gentleman will take some steps to stop this economy. The answer about saving the expense of burial is a dreadful one.

Dr. Shiels: No, I do not think so. Arrangements are made whereby burial can be given free wherever necessary. In many instances, no doubt that is not known.

"Wicked Official Answer."

Mr. A. M. Samuel (C. Farnham): Does the hon. gentleman give the assurance that these children are not placed dead in the streets as a result of violence?

Dr. Shiels: Yes, in practically every case the result of the post-mortem examination shows that death is due to natural causes. There is certainly very high infantile mortality.

Mr. E. Brown: Surely the hon. gentleman does not accept this wicked official answer. Surely there is some heart in this administration.

Dr. Shiels: I do not understand the vehemence of the hon. gentleman. I have given a clear statement that these bodies are found in the street. There are arrangements for burial free of charge, and they are not taken advantage of for the reasons I have stated. In the last year for which figures are available for the Metropolitan Police district of London over 700 bodies were found in that area.

ROTARY CLUB.

CURRENCY VISITORS AT WEEKLY MEETING.

"You ought to typewrite your poetry."

"If I were clever enough to do typewriting do you think I should be writing poetry?"

Answer, Sydney.

case a post-mortem examination revealed no suspicion that death was due to other than natural causes.

Mr. Graham White: Whatever may be the causes, will the hon. gentleman assure the House that some steps will be instituted and prosecuted which will put an end to this state of things which, without exaggeration, can be described as appalling?

Dr. Shiels: I quite agree it is very unsatisfactory. I understand that the main causes of these happenings are, in some cases, the fear of inquiries under the Infectious Diseases Order, and in other cases to save the expense of burial. The Secretary for the Colonies has drawn the Governor's attention to the matter, and everything possible is being done.

SALARIES OF PUBLIC SERVANTS.

New Taxation Without Reduction Opposed.

REDUCTION SUGGESTED.

At a meeting of the Ceylon Merchants Chamber, Mr. A. P. Casiechetty moved:

"That this Chamber is of opinion that the personal emoluments of Government Servants which total fifty million rupees, is much too high in proportion to the revenue raised annually. In the best interest of the future of this island, a very serious reduction in the personal emoluments and salary scale should be taken to fix salaries and emoluments in rupee currency based on the present cost of living and purchasing value of the rupee and the economic wealth of the country in the years to come."

Mr. Casiechetty said that one of the grounds on which Income Tax was opposed was that until Government reduced its very heavy cost of personal emoluments there should be no new taxation. In their annual report they would note what the Committee had to say on definite matters of over-spending under the heads of failing revenue and retrenchment, income tax, prices, living costs and exchange, future revenue and cost of administration, Colombo Municipal Extravagance, Government Railway Commercialisation, and Land and Survey.

Luxury Salaries. Taking the Railway as an instance where there had been extravagant expenditure, Mr. Casiechetty said that since the decline in revenue last year, which on the average was 2 lakhs of rupees per month in both passengers and goods, the management reduced the train mileage by 350,000 miles thus cutting largely wages of daily paid men, overtime and allowances but the salaries of the superior staff was left intact. In 1917 there were only 31 superior officers drawing in salaries only £16,260 at Rs. 15 per £, while in 1930 they had 53 superior officers drawing the exorbitant sum of £41,975, nearly three times as much, the only additional railroad construction being that wretched white elephant the Trincomalee Railway.

ferent nationalities. Rotary had brought with it good feeling amongst the people of different countries, and the Government benefited directly by that good feeling. (Applause.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance, Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre;

"Ingagi." Theatre;

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"Whoopie." Theatre;

To-day—Central Theatre;

"The Boudoir Diplomat." Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"The Wild Party." Theatre;

To-day—World Theatre;

"Repaid Favour" (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Concert for Service Men, Lee Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Band Concert, H.K.C.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

April 23, 24 and 25—At Station Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 11.30 a.m.

April 27—At 4, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

April 28—At 39, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

April 29—At 5A, Luna Buildings, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Comorin).

Friday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Comorin), 8.30 a.m.

Meetings.

To-day—General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4.30 p.m.; S.P.C.A. Messrs. Jardine's Offices, 5.15 p.m.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

"DONE HIS DUTY."

MAYOR WALKER'S REPLIES TO CHARGES.

Albany, Yesterday.

"I have adequately and consistently done my duty. I ask the charges to be dismissed. They are unwarranted, false and recklessly made," said Mayor Walker of New York, in a 15,000 word reply to the report of the City Affairs Committee issued last month—Reuter's American Service.

[A New York message of March 18 stated: Formal charges that Mr. James Walker, Mayor of New York City for some years past, has discharged his duties in a "wasteful and incompetent fashion," are made by the City Affairs Committee, whose report was published to-day by Governor Franklin Roosevelt, a close friend of the Mayor.]

"METHYLATED" DIRGE.

Player With Bagpipes Fall Of Spirit.

When an itinerant piper, named Stewart, appeared at Glasgow on a charge of a breach of the peace, it was stated that, "a wild dirge rose in the air in the Anderson district of the city, and terrified mothers drew their children to their arms."

Two constables—members of the police pipe band—arrested Stewart, who made no defence at the Western Police Court.

A policeman said that when Stewart was arrested it was found that the bag of pipes was almost full of methylated spirits. He was making no attempt to play. He was merely blowing slightly and then took a prolonged suck. The pipes consisted of a sheep's bladder, corked in three places, and with a curious-looking chanter protruding.

Superintendent McClure (after inspecting the "pipes"). They are saturated with methylated spirits. No wonder he was playing.

Baillie Armstrong: The point is: Was he playing or just sucking?

Superintendent McClure: Both; and with some effect, to such an extent that he was drunk when he came in here.

Stewart promised to forsake his habits and was discharged.

COACH DISMISSED.

Briton Training a Spanish Team.

His club having gone down by 12 goals to 1, Jim Bellamy, the British professional trainer, lost his job. Bellamy trains Barcelona, and under his care they have won the Spanish cup and the Spanish championship, but they have now fallen from their high estate and Bellamy is dismissed.

He is considering bringing an action against them for wrongful dismissal. He explains why they have fallen away. They have been "barracked" very severely of late, and the team is suffering from it.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

ELEANOR HUNT A REBELLIOUS BRIDE.

"WHOOPEE."

As the rebellious bride of Eddie Cantor's first talking picture, "Whoopie" now at the Queen's Theatre, Eleanor Hunt wears a gown that was designed for her by John Harkrider, costume-in-chief on the staff of Florenz Ziegfeld. That it is probably the first and last nonstage costume created by the noted decorator does not decrease the great beauty it gives Samuel Goldwyn's newest and youngest red-haired prodigy.

Miss Hunt's gown in the picture is of ivory white satin in its foundation and train. Tiny crystal beads outline the neck in a wide scalloped effect. Ivory tulle edged in fine lace, forms a cascade of ruffles at the front of the dress. The tiny bridal cap and mitts are of ivory point venise lace. The veil is of ivory tulle and the slippers satin, of the same colour.

Decorative as well as assertively feminine, the bridal bouquet has the massed effect of lilies of the valley, tied with many loops of satin and tulle ribbon.

Eleanor Hunt appears opposite Eddie Cantor in "Whoopie." The entire original stage cast in the Broadway production of this comedy sensation appear in the film. It has been filmed all in technicolour.

"THE BOUDOIR DIPLOMAT."

Lawrence Grant, who plays an important role in "The Boudoir Diplomat," Universal's comedy of sophistication, which comes to the Central Theatre to-day, was born in England, and first appeared on the stage in London in 1898. Subsequently, succeeding the late Kyle Bellow, he was leading man for Mrs. Brown-Potter and other British stars, and was later starred in "Joseph Entangled," "Miss Hobbs," and other plays.

Going to America as leading man with Olga Nethersole, Grant appeared for several years on the American stage, and made his screen debut in 1918. He has been seen in important roles in such pictures as "Bulldog Drummond," "Serenade," "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" and "Red Hair." Throughout his screen career Grant has occasionally returned to the stage, and has recently been seen in "The Captive," "So This is London" and "The Queen Was in the Parlor."

Lionel Belmore, who plays the role of Krakowitz, the War Minister, in "The Boudoir Diplomat," the sparkling Universal comedy, was born in England and began his public career at the age of 16, having now appeared for more than 50 years on stage and screen. Making his first American invasion in the repertoire company of Wilson Barrett, Belmore returned to England to appear with Henry Irving in a number of Shakespearean plays. Then followed ten years on the stage in the Eastern United States, after which he went to Los Angeles, supposedly only for a short visit.

Motion pictures soon claimed him, however, and for the past 12 years he has devoted his efforts exclusively to the screen. His recent pictures include "Captain of the Guard," "The Rogue Song," "The Green Goddess," "From Headquarters," and "The Love Parade."

"BILLY THE KID"

What is said to be the largest single herd of cattle collected in California since pioneer days was used in "Billy the Kid," King Vidor's new all-talking film epic of the west, which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

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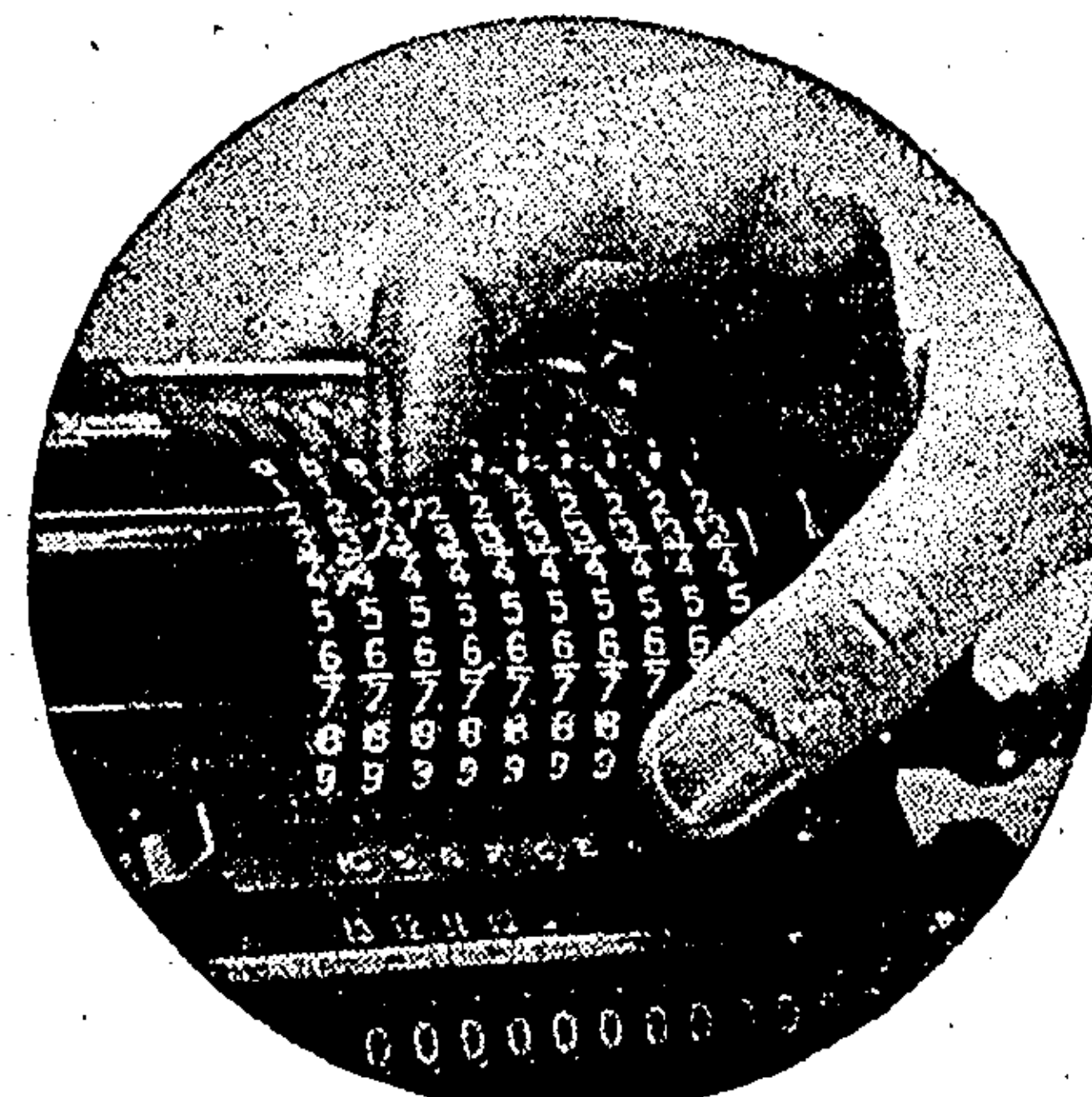
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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL LEAGUES.

Southport's Decisive Victory.

QUEEN'S PARK WIN.

London, Yesterday.
The following are the results of Association Football matches played in the Home Leagues:—
Division III. (Northern).
Rochdale 1 Darlington 2
Southport 3 Wigan 1
Scottish League.
Queen's Park 2 Kilmarnock 0
—Reuter.

GOLFING "STRAIGHT LEFTS"

Doctrine Is Often Unsuitable.

It seems to me that no theory in connection with modern golfing methods has done so much harm among the rank and file of players as the repeated advocacy of "the straight left."

It has been the more damaging because some of the best golfers in the world have insisted in their books of instruction on the game that all iron shots must be accomplished with a straight left arm from beginning to end of the swing. Such terms as "rigid" and "stiff as a poker" have not been considered too forceful to use in order to indicate the condition which this left arm should assume.

I have no doubt that the system is practised by the distinguished players who recommend it, but I should like to see a little latitude introduced into the question. As matters stand, tens of thousands of golfers are slavering at the principle—their imagination caught by the seeming simplicity of the advice and its terseness—with physical constitutions that are not at all adapted to the purpose. Their shots are worse instead of better for the change.

My first point is that even the greatest players who commend it cannot apply so rigid a left arm to their entire swings as they suggest in their counsels, or they would never be able to introduce the necessary power into the blow.

My second point is that a lot of middle-aged people who have taken up the game comparatively late in life, are attempting the impossible in trying to carry out the idea, although, in a certain degree, it may be natural to those who made it their style in the days of their youth.

And, as a third point, the claim may reasonably be advanced that it is not the only correct way of swinging; for plenty of first-class golfers have had a very pronounced bend in the left arm in taking the club up for half iron shots as well as in their full swings with wooden clubs.

Illustrating an Argument.
As regards the rigid left arm and the power that is possible with it, let us conduct a little experiment.

Let us take hold of a walking stick in the left hand only and, keeping the left arm "as stiff as a poker" (this is the phrase used by one champion to illustrate his advice for iron shots) swing the stick backward and forward with the object of hitting something on the floor.

The fact is that we can put very little power or life into the blow for the reason that the arm is altogether too constricted. I realise to the full that the arm must be perfectly straight and firm at the instant of impact, but I am absolutely certain that even the most famous apostles of this modern fetish must introduce a certain relaxation into the swing in order to deliver the kind of blow that makes them golfers of the front rank. It is because their countless disciples have heard nothing about such relaxation that they are spolling their golf, writes Harry Vardon in The Sports Dispatch.

A further explanation of my point may be given. Everybody knows that a "straight left" is one of the best attributes that a boxer can possess. I presume that the term has been imported into golf from boxing. But although very telling punches are made with a straight left, does anybody suppose that the boxer keeps that arm straight in shaping for the blow? Obviously he would produce nothing but a gentle and useless job if he poked his left arm at his rival in that state of rigidity. Clearly he must bend the arm and straighten it as he hits.

Thus it is, too, in golf. A lot of famous players and good judges consider that most of the power

AMERICA'S STRONG TEAM.

Defence of Wimbledon Titles.

DAVIS CUP BID.

Last year America made a clean sweep of the Wimbledon titles, and she intends to defend these honours with a strong and youthful team. If the seven players already nominated will not have the stimulus of hunting W. T. Tilden their quarry for many years, they will provide a formidable phalanx, with speed of foot and stroke as their main equipment.

It is probable that Frank Shields and Sydney Wood will attract most attention. The first will be a newcomer; the second has made a remarkable advance since he was last over here three years ago. Both are Eastern players; both were giant-killers in their own country last year.

Shields was beaten only in the final of the American championship after a struggle with Doeg, which, had he won the long fourth set of thirty games, would probably have gone in his favour. Wood, who has defeated Shields as well as Lott and Allison, is 21 years of age—a year younger than Shields, writes A. Wallis Myers in The Daily Telegraph.

Another newcomer is Clifford Sutter, of New Orleans, the intercollegiate champion. He increased his fame last year by beating Berkeley Bell in the American championship after the latter had put out Borotra. George Lott, John Van Ryn, Wilmer Allison, and Gregory Mangin were all over here in 1930.

A Double Objective.
The American team will have two objectives—the defence of the Wimbledon titles and the capture of the Davis Cup. Their first quest is more likely to succeed than their second; American aggression prefers turf courts, and the American temperament is more at home at Wimbledon than at Auteuil. On the other hand, the Americans will find their task harder at British headquarters than last year. They will not have Tilden as a spear-head; they will discover the French, headed by Cochet, anxious to renew a dominance broken in 1930; in H. W. Austin they will find a much improved challenger, and in G. H. Maier, of Spain, a new menace.

At present Doeg's inclusion in the invading team is doubtful, but I am given to understand that he is likely to come over. If he does so the doubles pairs will be Allison and Van Ryn (the present holders), Doeg and Lott, Shields and Wood, and Sutter and Mangin. He would be a bold prophet who claimed that from one of these powerful pairs the doubles victors will not emerge next July.

Before they come to Europe—the European zone—the American team will be required to meet Mexico, Canada, and the winner of the South American zone. If successful in the inter-zone final in July, they will meet France a week later at the State Roland Garros.

In the golf stroke should come from the left hand and arm. "Give it the back of the left hand" is one of the oldest maxims of the game, and it still commands respect.

Personally, I am inclined to think that the work is shared just about equally by the two hands. Certain it is, however, that the left must contribute a great deal to the blow, and with a rigid arm all the way, I do not see how it could do anything worth mentioning.

The Short Track.
It is surely a fair assumption that people who take up golf after attaining the age of, say, 30 (and they are by far the most numerous recruits to the game) may find it desperately difficult to practise this straight left arm.

They are not likely to have learnt it at cricket or any other pastime, and, with their joints and muscles more or less set, they cannot very well expect to accommodate themselves to it. The most likely thing is that they will be thrown off their balance every time they try it, or else reduced to a short, snappy swing, which affords none of the exhilaration that the game is capable of giving.

When, as a struggler in the golf arena, I was experimenting with every conceivable method of playing shots, I gave due attention to the idea of hitting the iron shots with a straight left arm.

In those days I devoted at least two hours a day to practice (not competing matches) in every day (Continued at foot of next Column.)

JAMES FIGG THE ORIGINATOR.

The Man Who "Made" Fistic-Fighting.

"CULTURED LADIES."

The home of boxing is Tottenham Court Road, London. Prize fighting of a sort was a form of attraction at the Theatre Royal, Dorset Street, near Salisbury Square, in 1698, but it was not until an Oxfordshire man named James Figg arrived that boxing with the bare fists became really popular, reveals Trevor C. Wignall in the Daily Express. He was born at Thames during the reign of William III., and his first patron was the Earl of Peterborough, who supplied him with sufficient funds to open a school of arms in Tottenham Court Road. He was a person of some eminence, and his friends included Hogarth, who designed his professional card, Walpole, the statesman, Swift and Pope, the writers, and several members of the Royal Family.

He was so highly successful as a tutor that after a year or so he had to leave more extensive premises some distance away from his first school. It was in the new building that he met Ned Sutton, the Gravesend pipemaker, and it is correct to say that this contest was the first battle for a championship. It lasted nearly an hour, and it ended in a somewhat easy victory for Figg. But he was much more of a swordsman than a fighter, and even at Southwark Fair, where he had a booth, foil-play, back-sword, and cudgelling were always more prominent than fisticuffs.

In 1727.

On the Hogarth card Figg was described as "Master of ye Noble Science of Defence," but that sunny morning in 1727 when he fought Sutton must have provided many strange moments. Tottenham Court Road then was little more than a rural lane. The fashionable centre of London, the thoroughfare favoured by the "bucks" for their promenades, was Drury Lane. Just before the hour of twelve, which was the time for the big event, many sedan chairs were carried to the entrance, and it is recorded that fair ladies of high degree, escorted by the beaux of the day, snuffed, laughed, and chatted as they made their way to the gallery reserved for them. Royalty was not represented, but the Prime Minister was there as were also famous people such as Colley Cibber, Kitty Clive, and Dean Swift.

"The ladies," we are told, "were damning and swearing prettily, and the men were telling stories and pieces of scandal with a coarseness of language and rudeness of indecency that would shock a bachelor's party. Yet the dames never once blushed, but applauded the bluest of jokes by a tap on the cheek with a fan, an arch smile, and a bewitching look with a laughing eye."

Figg had called himself champion for twelve years before he was challenged by Sutton, but he seems to have been as vain and as proud of his standing as was John L. Sullivan at a much later date. When Pierce Egan wrote about Figg in 1812 he said he was more of a slaughterer than a neat finished pugilist, and that estimate, I fancy, must be accepted.

Carnera's Predecessor.

It is interesting to recall that when he was in his prime Figg was challenged by an Indian named Tito Alberto di Carini, who was born within a few miles of the little hamlet near Venice where Prima Carnera first saw the light. He was very big and of enormous strength, and it was among his boasts that he could smash the jawbone of any man who dared to oppose him. Figg treated him with complete contempt, but was eventually induced to give the Venetian a match with one of his (Continued on Next Column.)

of the year, so that there was plenty of time to put all the possibilities to the test, and I came to the conclusion that a straight left arm in the up-swing was not the best way with iron clubs.

Perhaps that was because I secured the most effective results with an upright swing, for if you are going to take the club to the top by a short track, the left elbow must begin to bend as you turn the left wrist to raise the head of the club. And I am still confident that this short track allows the least margin for error. I should not have won six British Open Championships without it.

The disposition is now to make the track of the club longer with a flat or semi-flat swing. What is the matter with the short-cut route to any given point? So long as the left arm is straight at the impact, a band in its uptake is as good as stiffness—and perhaps better. I suppose it is the flatter swing which encourages a straight left to the point where it becomes a doctrine.

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pupils, a certain Bob Whittaker. The contest attracted the "most splendid and politest company ever seen" to Figg's amphitheatre, and even Captain Godfrey, the first person to write a book about pugilism, observed that the Italian's gigantic size struck terror, and that his own heart yearned for his countryman.

Figg's Speech.
It was a nice fight. In the first minute Carini pitched himself forward, with his right leg and arm fully extended, and delivered a blow so powerful that Whittaker was thrown off the stage. Whittaker managed to climb back, and, making a little stoop, with "one English peg in the stomach (quite a new thing to foreigners) brought the Venetian on his breech."

Here is the speech made by Figg after the bout: "Perhaps as how you may think that I have picked out the best man in London to beat this 'ere foreigner, but if you will come this day se'nnight I'll produce a man that shall beat Bob Whittaker by fair hitting in ten minutes." He was as good as his word. After six minutes Whittaker surrendered to Nat Pearce with these words: "Dam'me, I am not beat, but what signifies when I cannot see my man?" Frank Moran said much the same thing in October of 1922, nearly two hundred years later, when Joe Beckett defeated him at the Albert Hall.

Prize Ring's Dictator.

Figg issued the first advertisement in connection with fighting, but, like all others who lived during his time, he made no attempt to hide his light under a bushel. For more than twenty years he was the dictator of the prize ring, but, of course, there were no rules in his day. Anything and everything was legal, and it was Figg who had most to do with the subsequent prominence of his successor, George Taylor, and a quaint-

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R.A.O.B. CLUB AT BILLIARDS.

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A JOVIAL EVENING.

The R.A.O.B. Club were "At Home" to the members of the Junior N.C.O.'s Club, Stonecutters, on Monday night, when a very interesting billiards match was played. There was a large attendance.

There were not many big breaks, but some of the players showed a pretty style and a distinct knowledge of the finer points of the game.

RESULTS.

R.A.O.B.	
Elliott	85
Holt	150
Welham	121
Murray	112
Cullen	150
Turner	150
Total	768

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* Willis	150
A. Gorst	142
Conbey	150
F. Gorst	150
Fealey	84
Benson	76
Total	752

* Highest break.

In a darts match, the following were the results (R.A.O.B. players first):

Cullen and Murray lost to Willis and Benson. Humphreys and Gates beat Casey and Swaiton. West and Davey beat Fealey and Paton. Welham and Elliott beat Conbey and Wellington. Turner and Clark lost to Gorst (F.) and Conbey. Result: R.A.O.B. Club 3, Junior N.C.O.'s Club 2.

Visitors Welcomed.

During the evening, the Chairman of the R.A.O.B. Club, in a happy little speech, welcomed the visitors to the R.A.O.B. Club, and hoped that they would take back with them memories of a well spent evening among "Bipedic Buffaloes."

Mr. Willis, in reply, thanked the members of the R.A.O.B. Club for their kind invitation, and hoped that at some future date a return match would be arranged at Stonecutters.

During the evening the Club Chairman, Mr. F. Cullen, presented the Club's Champion dart player, Mr. Welham, with the Championship Cup, together with a small replica.

Mr. Turner, the runner-up, was also presented with a suitable souvenir.

The members of the R.A.O.B. Club will be "At Home" to the members of the Junior N.C.O.'s Club, Lyemun on Monday, April 27.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY LEAGUE ELEVENS.

The following have been selected to represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the R.E. to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the University ground:

K. T. Loke (captain), F. Hiptoola, G. S. Scully, G. E. Yeoh, P. L. Tan, P. M. N. da Silva, R. E. G. Leong, H. Nomanbhoy, F. R. Zimmern, W. James, and E. Gosano.

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the R.A. on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp, on the University ground:

D. J. N. Anderson (captain), A. Baker, L. T. Ride, D. K. Samy, F. A. Redmond, A. B. Suleiman, A. M. Rodrigues, A. T. Nomanbhoy, A. Chan Fook, K. P. Gan, and F. R. Zimmern.

POLO CLUB HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

Visit to Shanghai in the Autumn.

KESWICK CUP.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Polo Club which was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., yesterday, J.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands expressed the hope that Hong Kong might this year find it possible to send a challenging team to Shanghai for the Keswick Interport Cup. Last year it was found impossible to send a team North to join in the triangular interport tournament. Tientsin sent a team to Shanghai, but were unsuccessful in their attempt to carry off the trophy. Hong Kong had taken no part in the Keswick

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

CRICKET—To-day—League II. —University v. R.E. on University ground at 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL—To-day—First Division—Police v. R.A. South China v. Navy; Club v. Kowloon; Second Division—Eastern v. Kowloon.

Saturday—Borderers v. Kowloon; Recreation v. Argyle; St. Joseph's v. South China; Police v. Navy.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Championship Singles Semi-Final—E. C. Fincher v. M. W. Lo.

CHESSE—Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Opening of League Season.

May 9—Entries close for Open Singles Championship.

HOME.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—English Cup Final, Wembley.

GOLF—To-day to Friday—English Amateur Championship. Saturday and Sunday—Professional Tournament, Torquay.

Monday—Army Championship, Sandwick.

RACING—April 29—Two Thousand Guineas.

Cup competition since 1927, but it is hoped that a Northern visit will be made this Autumn.

In addressing the meeting he said: "An examination of the income and expenditure account for the twelve months ended February 28, 1931, reveals little difference from the comparative figures for the previous twelve months. The balance sheet shows that we have on hand in cash approximately \$5,000 which is clear of liabilities."

In view, however, of the badly worn condition of the ground it has seemed advisable to use the Jockey Club's grant (\$1,500) to establish a special reserve for future repairs and reurfing. The remaining \$3,500, unencumbered, places the Club on a self-supporting basis."

He thanked Commander Morris for a gift of \$250, which was forwarded on behalf of the Royal Naval Recreation Club for the use of the ground for football and hockey during the year 1930.

In deploing the loss of the 1st Bn. the Somerset Light Infantry, Major-General Sandilands paid the South Wales Borderers a fine compliment in saying that they have proved worthy successors.

Mr. A. J. P. Heard seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, which was accordingly carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel); Vice-Presidents: His Excellency Major-General J. W. Sandilands, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Col. Savile; Chairman, His Excellency Major-General J. W. Sandilands; Committee, Major Hewson, Capt. Stewart, Major Somerville, Mr. A. J. P. Heard and Mr. R. Gordon.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank, on demand	11 1/4
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Credits, 4 months' sight	1/7-7/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/9-9/16
On demand	607 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	647 1/2
On New York	23 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	24 3/4
On Bombay	65 1/2
Wire	65 1/2
On demand	65 1/2
On Calcutta	65 1/2
Wire	65 1/2
On demand	65 1/2
On Shanghai	42 3/4
On demand	47 1/4
On Shanghai	47 1/4
On demand	47 1/4
Dollar	77 1/4
Dollar	4 1/2 dis.
On demand	48 1/4
Sovereigns	1/7-3/4
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SUNDAY CINEMAS.

PROFITS FOR APPROVED CHARITIES.

London, Yesterday. The terms of the Sunday Performances Regulation Bill are as forecast last month, namely:—

The Bill provides machinery for regulating the existing practice.

Local authorities are to be empowered to grant permission for Sunday opening, subject to such conditions as they think fit, and provision is made in the Bill for a continuance of the existing practice under which the Sunday opening for cinemas has been subject to the condition that the profits shall be given to approved charities and that no employees shall be worked for seven days in the week.—Reuter.

IN BANDITS' HANDS.

MISSIONARY'S WIFE AND FAMILY SAFE.

Shanghai, Yesterday. In connection with the report from Peking of the capture by bandits of Mr. Oscar Anderson and two lady missionaries, near Kingchow, Hupeh, it is learned that Mrs. Anderson, the wife of the captured missionary, together with a family of four children, the eldest of whom is under six years of age, are residing at 1,500 Avenue Joffre.—Reuter.

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Bank of Asia	100			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.		1400		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Union Ins.	692 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*China Underwriters		330		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
China Fire Ins.	325			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. Fire Ins.		1800		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Shipping.						
Douglas	20 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. Steamships	20 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Indo-China (Pref.)		10		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Shell Transports		38		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Union Waterways		34 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Mining.						
Benguet	3 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Kailash Mining Ad. s.		31/10		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Langkat		8 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Shai Exploration	170			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*Luna		5 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*Rauha		39 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	3 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves		100/5.00		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. & W. Docks		25 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
South Ch. Motors		10		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*China Provident (old)	5.65			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(new)	2.60			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Hongkong Tl.	300			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
N. Engineering		310		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Shanghai Docks		108 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	14.40	14.00	14.40/55	Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(E.R.)	13.55			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(R.R.)	3.40			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H.K. Lands		88.40/68 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Shanghai Lands		40		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Humphreys (Cum Re.)		17.15		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*Rigby		21/52		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. Realities		11.85		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Chinese Estates		90		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton	14.40	14 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Shanghai Cotton	106			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Zoong Sings		11 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	18.15	18.15		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Peak Trams (old)		14 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(new)		8 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Star Ferries		94		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*China Light	25.80	20 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. Electric	70 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Macao		23		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Sandakan Lights		12		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H.K. Tels. fully paid		54		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
part paid		43 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
China Buses		15.30		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
S'port Tractors (Ord.)		0/0		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(Pref.)		19 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Industrials.						
China Sugars		80 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Malayan Sugars		39		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Cald. Macg. Ord.		14		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Pref.		10 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Canton Ice		3.60		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
*Cement (com.)	18.40	18.40/18 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(old)	19 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(new)		5.15		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. Ropes	10 1/2	17		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	26 1/2	26 1/2		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Watsons	12.00			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Der A Wings		1		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Lanc Crawfords	5.80	6.80/55		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Mackintosh		30		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Sincere	14 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Wm. Powells		2.85		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (old)		27		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
(new)		24		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
Ch. Entertainment		19.50		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
H. K. Construction	5.65	7		Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 31
B. Ind. G. Bonds	60 1/2			Dec.		Final 23 bonus 21 Mar. 3

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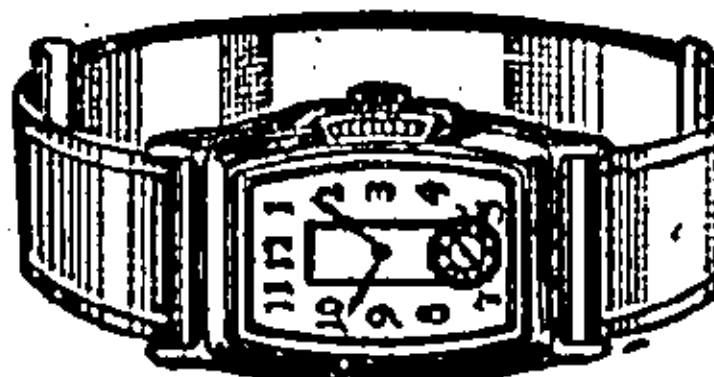
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ATTACK ON ROMAN CATHOLICS.

**Bishop and the Lambeth
Conference.**

FREE CHURCH "INJUSTICE."

An attack on the Roman Catholic attitude towards the Education Bill, recently defeated in the House of Lords and withdrawn by the Government, was made by Principal E. Griffith-Jones in his presidential address to the National Council of Evangelical Free Church at Weston-super-Mare.

The Romanist demand to have the whole cost of their schools supplied by the State while they retained the liberty to make these schools centres of Catholic propaganda with the help of rates and taxes was a real injustice, he said.

And when they actually succeeded in holding up a Parliamentary Bill intended to introduce a much needed reform into the present educational system till their ridiculous demand was allowed—what was it but an attempt on the part of a single religious denomination, numbering at most less than two million people, to dictate the policy of a nation, nineteen-twentieths of whom did not share the distinctive beliefs of that denomination?

"How is it," Principal Griffith-Jones asked, "that our case was so inadequately put in the House of Commons during the debate on the amendment which defeated the Government? Have we lost touch altogether with reality? Have we ceased to have any political existence, or, at any rate, significance for Parliament? Is our case always to go by default in future? We were abandoned by all our Free Church representatives in Parliament, with one honourable exception—Mr. Isaac Foot."

"Arrogant Demand."

"Nothing," he said, in another reference to Roman Catholics, "is going to suit these people apparently than that their school should be built, maintained in repair, administered, and their teachers paid—all at the cost of the Government; they to retain the full control of the appointment and dismissal of their teachers, and of the kind and quality of the religion taught to their scholars without supervision of any kind. That would be a complete Catholic educational

endowment in Protestant England. This impossible and arrogant demand wrecked the Education Bill of last year."

Speaking on the relationship between the Nonconformists and the Church of England, Principal Griffith-Jones said that they had improved during the last twelve years since the initiation of the Lambeth Conferences.

Professor Lee Woolf, of Hackney and New College, London University, speaking on "Christ and Man's Place in Nature," declared that at a certain stage, in its growth at least, the human brain was practically indistinguishable from that of a chimpanzee, and even at the latest stage, as far as the eye could detect, the difference was quantitative rather than qualitative. Man was the first cousin to every living thing.

"One of the ablest theologians I know wears a hat of such a large size that the doctor once told him if it had been a size larger he would have been an idiot. But there was a quantitative difference which was a vital difference."

The Spiritual World.
Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking on the reality of the spiritual world, said that science was beginning to recognise the existence not of a spiritual world, but of a universe that made no appeal to the senses, and was not material.

"I hold that life exists in space and utilises matter for its own purposes and operates matter, so that the material body does certain things. Matter does nothing except to go where you put it. It is quite enough—I go further—it has no energy."

"If you smash a loud speaker you destroy the machine, but not the ether waves. I am a loud speaker at the moment, and if you bring a hatchet to my head you destroy my mechanism, but that is all."

"Life and the mind and all activity are in the unseen—in space. Their existence does not depend on the machine, it does not stop when the machine has stopped. I do not suppose it began when the machine began. The individual has grown up here in relation to his organism. I do not think the individual existed before, but nothing we ever find jumps in which jumps out of existence. Every real thing is perpetual."

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, welcoming the conference to Somerset, said that he thought the Lambeth Conference was misunderstood.

"I was conscious of no withdrawal on the side of home reunion; I was conscious only of a very great desire for closer union," he said. "We have been named, and possibly you may think nicknamed, Bridge Church. A bridge implies a gap, or perhaps a chasm, but it also means an erection which is open at both ends."

The Lambeth Conference made a great stride towards the consummation of a larger union, and years hence and centuries hence its resolutions would be historic.

TOC H.

EXTENSION THROUGH THE
EMPIRE.

The Rev. P. B. Clayton, Founder Padre of Toc H, was entertained by the Royal Empire Society at a dinner held at the Hotel Victoria, when he spoke on "The extension of Toc H through the Empire."

Lord Goschen, who presided, said that Toc H stood for the things we wanted to-day—courage, service, and brotherhood.

After referring to the ceremony to take place at Poperinghe at Easter, when the door of the old White House would be permanently opened, Mr. Clayton said that many older people were making a great mistake in not having a much greater faith in the younger generation. The tendency was to fear rather than to trust them. Toc H gave them a certain responsibility and it made them useful. There was now an entire family scattered throughout the world doing something which was worth doing. In every country it had reached it had adapted itself to that country's proportionate needs.

The Rev. H. B. Ellison, Chief Overseas Commissioner, said that the work of Toc H was spreading rapidly beyond the Empire. It was thriving in the United States, in South America, and in Germany. Their aim was to have commissioners in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Plymouth, and Bristol, so that within the next four or five years every man or boy who was going overseas for the first time would have a chance of getting into touch with the movement both before he left these shores and on his arrival in the country for which he was bound.

Captain Sir Beuchcroft Towse, V.C., chairman of the National Institute for the Blind, appealed

GOD ON THE STAGE.

BLASPHEMY CHARGE AGAINST
VIENNA ACTORS.

Two actors, an actress, and their manager have been charged in Vienna with blasphemy, because they performed the roles of God, St. Peter, and Magdalene in Walter Hasenclever's comedy, "Marriages are Made in Heaven."

The play and the accusation have a remarkable history. Hasenclever's ironic comedy was produced successfully in Berlin. In 1929 Max Reinhardt was about to produce it at the Theatre in der Josefstadt, and the rehearsals had already started, when the Clerical Press and some of the Christian Socialists raised vehement protests, and the performance was withdrawn.

In June last, at a workmen's suburb, the Social Democrats gave private performances of the play, but although an "Olympic" version was used, God being changed into Jupiter, St. Peter into Styx, and Magdalene into Venus, the Public Prosecutor intervened. Even before this, Dr. Eisler, a Social Democratic Deputy, complained in the National Assembly of the mode of procedure by the authorities, who according to the laws of the Austrian Republic, had no right to prohibit the play. It should be mentioned that Walter Hasenclever, the author of the comedy, cannot be prosecuted.

COLONEL HEPBURN.

Death Of A Well-Known
Professor.

Colonel David Hepburn, for over 20 years Professor of Anatomy at the University College, Cardiff, has died at Cardiff. Until 1919 he was Commandant of the Third Western General Hospital, Cardiff.

Colonel Hepburn was formerly principal lecturer at Edinburgh University. He was a past president of the Scottish Natural History Society.

to Toc H members in London to erect the wireless sets which had recently been presented to the blind Lord Goschen, on behalf of Mr. Clayton, gave an assurance that members would gladly undertake that work.

Mr. J. H. Lindsay, Overseas Commissioner for India, and the Rev. G. H. Woolley, V.C., also spoke.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 385 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7-7.30 p.m.—Light Opera.
Tom Jones—Selections (German).
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9287).

Merrie England—Vocal Gems (Hood & German).
Miriam Licette, Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denis Noble, Robert Carr & Chorus (9893).

A Country Girl—Vocal Gems (Rubens, Ross & Monckton).
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX73).

7.30-8.35 p.m.—From the Studio
Recital by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Boves-Smith.

Pianist & Accompanist: Mr. A. M. Boves-Smith.
Soprano: Mrs. Boves-Smith.

Pianoforte Solo—
Sonata in C Major Op. 53 (First Movement) (Beethoven).

Song—
Sing, Break into Song (Mallinson).
The Lament of Ishtar (Granville Bantock).

To a Thrush at Evening (Montague Phillips).
A Song of the Open (La Forge).

Pianoforte Solo—
Prelude (Debussy).
Romance (Gambatti).
Jig (York Bowen).

Song—
a. Prelude;
b. Down in the Forest (Spring);
c. Love, I Have Won You (Summer) from "A Cycle of Life" (Landon Ronald).

At the Well (Hagmann).
Pianoforte Solo—
Study in A Flat (Chopin).
Nocturne in D Flat (Chopin).
Scherzo in B Minor (Chopin).

At 8 p.m. this Concert will be interrupted for the Time, Signal and Weather Report, etc.

8.35-9.10 p.m.—Octets & Organ Solos.
Octet—
Cossamer Wings (Gerard).
Land of Dreams (Gerard).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (5254).

Organ Solo—
Rhapsody in Blue (Gershwin).
Fantasy in A Minor (LX119).

Octet—
Putting the Clock Back (arr. Squire).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (DX69).

Organ Solo—
Medley of Song Hiss of 1890.
Quentin M. Maclean (DX48).

9.10-9.54 p.m.—Concert Rhapsody.
Song—

Clever Apprentice



Frank Coward, bright young Canadian Pacific Western (Winnipeg) shops apprentice, aggregated 92.6 per cent. over a period of three years annual examinations—the highest average ever made since the inauguration of the competitions in 1923. He is shown being congratulated on his remarkable record by D. C. Coleman, vice-president, Canadian Pacific Railway western lines.

The Powder Monkey (Watson),
The Midshipmite
(Weatherly & Adams),
Norman Allin, Bass (DX108).
Violin Solo—
Tijuca (Brazilian Dance),
Bourree in B Minor (Bach),
Joseph Szegedi (D1833).

Chorus—
Herman Lohr—Vocal Gems,
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX52).

Cello Solo—
Menuet (Haydn),
Chanson Villageoise (Popper),
Gaspard Cassado (D1613).

Song—
Pecche (De Flavits-Pennino),
Don Pasquale (Donizetti),
Enzo De Muro Lomanto (D12618).

Violin Solo—
The Phantom Melody (Kotelly),
Albert Sandler (9883).

9.54-10.30 p.m.—Overtures.
The Bronze Horse (Auber).
The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (DX69).

Fidello (Beethoven).
Musique De La Garde
Republicains (9208).

Crown Diamonds (Auber).
The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (DX77).

Raymond (Thomas).
Percy Pitt & the Symphony Orchestra (DX104).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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The project, on which work will start on June 15, marks the designer's hopes for the development of the Metropolitan Building into a large area, united and correlated as to light and air.

The group, covering three ordinary New York blocks, which will be finished in three years' time, will cost, with the land, approximately 250,000,000 dollars (\$50,000,000), and will be built around three severely truncated skyscrapers.

The central one is to be occupied by the National Broadcasting Company and will have 65 storeys. This building will be flanked by two 45-storey buildings about midway between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

In the centre of the Fifth Avenue frontage there will be an oval building of 14 storeys, resembling a gigantic jewel box, on the ground storey of which will be a bank, with the upper floors devoted to showrooms, shops, and restaurants. Ventilation difficulties have forced the abandonment of the plan for a subterranean garage and it is possible that a parking tower may be included in the final group.

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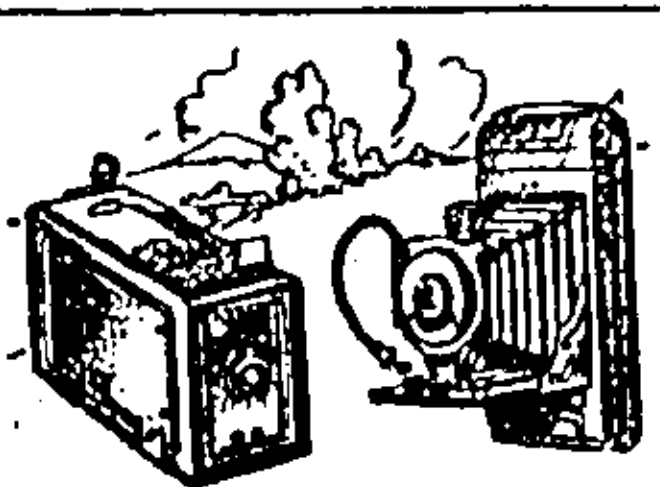
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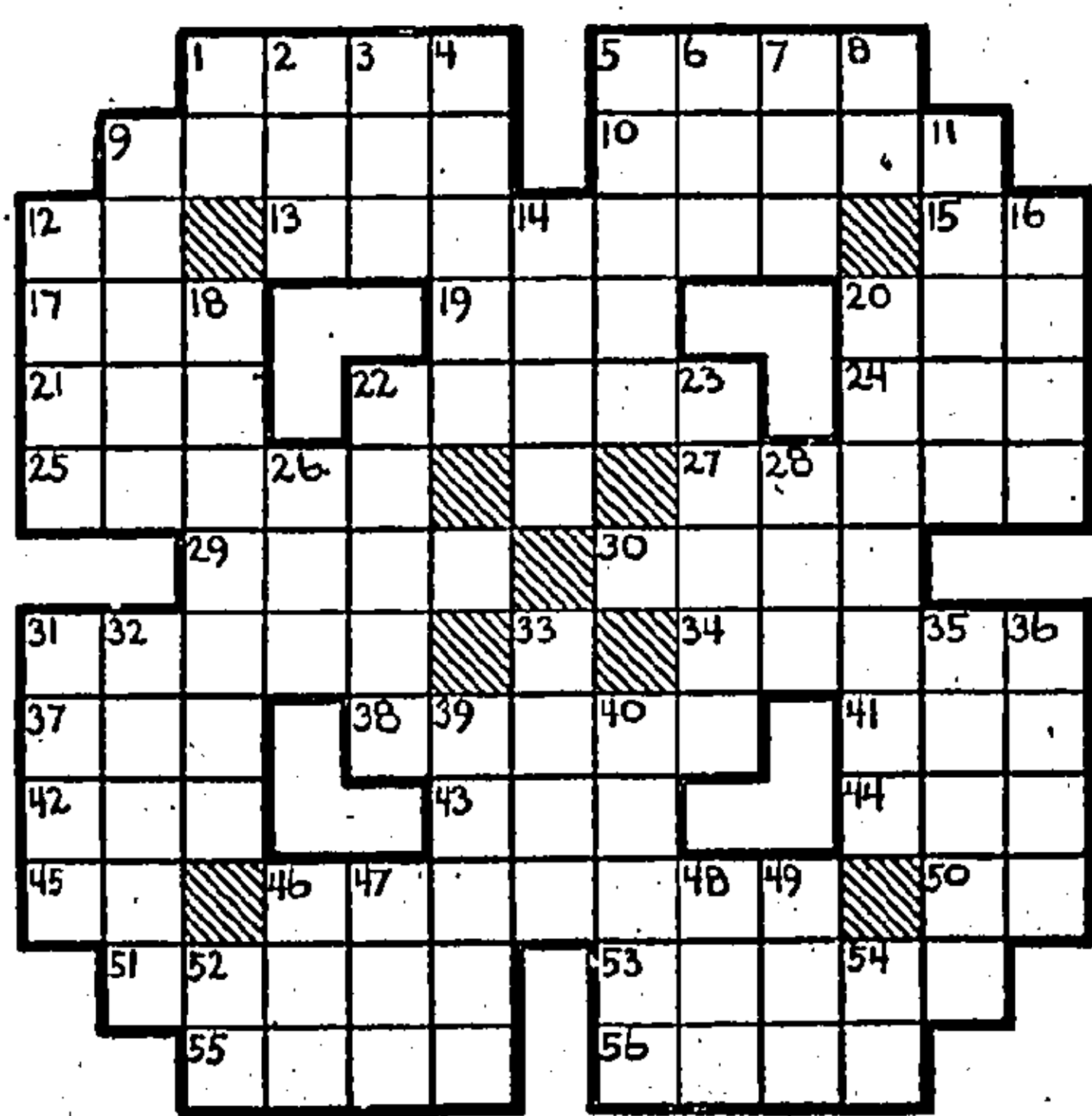


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
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spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Male deer
- 5-To bolt gently
- 9-One of a series of steps
- 10-Wild animal
- 12-A month (abbr.)
- 13-Maturing
- 15-Interjection
- 17-A rodent
- 19-Any protuberance
- 20-Greek goddess of mischief
- 21-Peas
- 22-Thin narrow strips of wood
- 24-Suffix of nouns denoting vocation
- 25-A kind of hat
- 27-Chums
- 28-Bawl!
- 30-Dispose of by sale
- 31-Worn out
- 34-Clothes, as a bargain
- 37-A color
- 38-Finished
- 41-Boy's name (abbr.)
- 42-Skill

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Even (Post.)
- 44-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 45-Right (abbr.)
- 46-A measuring worm
- 50-Cent (abbr.)
- 51-To guide one's course
- 52-To abscond
- 53-Writing implement (pl.)
- 56-Entrance

VERTICAL

- 1-A thoroughfare
- 2-A child's game
- 3-The atmosphere
- 4-To utter in a surly tone
- 5-Serve scantily
- 6-A metal
- 7-Urge
- 8-Peculiar
- 9-Garden tool
- 11-Graded

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-One of the Arabian race
- 14-Abrade
- 15-Pronoun
- 16-A tumultuous flow
- 20-A direct railroad route
- 22-Condition
- 23-To pay out, as money
- 26-An age
- 28-After the manner of (Fr.)
- 31-Actor who plays the leading part
- 32-Segments
- 33-A seaport of Arabia
- 34-Long, slender spear
- 36-Let it stand (Latin)
- 38-Approaches
- 40-Combining form
- 42-Look
- 43-Enclosure
- 44-Old age (Post.)
- 45-King (Fr.)
- 52-Township (abbr.)
- 54-Way, stile (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

NEW YORK'S NIGHT
LIFE REVOLUTION.Broadway Now Prefers
Melting Melodies.

RISE OF A NEW STAR.

Broadway! Street of gay spots and play spots... flesh pots and flash spots... where evening begins at midnight and ends at dawn. Things have travelled far, far indeed, from the days when the legendary man-about-town drank champagne from the legendary slipper of the legendary chorines. They have travelled pretty far within two years—even within a year. A score of tinselled spots whose names headed the night life list in 1930, now gather cobwebs.

Strange as it may seem, even Tex Guinan's, noisiest and shrillest of the late hangouts, has had to surrender slightly to melting melodies. For the East Side, with its gipsy lullabies and love chants, has captured the fancy of the Broadway-farers.

The New Order.

"Oh, yes, there is still va-de-o-do. But the headlines—what they call 'the draw'—spots—indicate that the raucous whoopla of yesteryear is melting before the torrid blues tunes and the soothing harmonies of soft-voiced, soft-eyed maidens of Hungary, Russia and way spots. A slap-stick, a few comic novelties, a bit of Spanish and Magyar—the exotic soothing music of almost any Latin or gipsy land—and that's night life a la 1931.

The smart place, for instance, is the Club Abbey. Here you will find the lovely ladies who drip diamonds even in hard times. Here you will find the folk of the social register; ringside crowds of famous men and women. You will have to stay up until 3 a.m. to do it, but it's usually worth it.

And who, if you please, is responsible for drawing the crowd here? First a pretty gipsy girl. Her name is Gipsy Marakoff—at least that's the name she uses for entertainment purposes—and she appeared out of Second Avenue, one evening with an accordion under her arm.

For Jagged Nerves.

A few evenings later she was out in the spotlight of a dance floor—and all about the noisy crowd suddenly husband its chatter to a whisper as she whipped her accordion into lulling peasant dance strains of another world. Or, again, she would slump to the floor and, perched on a pillow, begin to pluck her guitar and sing soothing, cooing Hungarian love songs.

And round the "ringside" were scores of men who had dropped many a dollar in the market—or had been given a severe business wallop. Perhaps this was just the sort of thing for jagged nerves.

At any rate, here was a pretty troubadour from the Russian Arts Cafe where her audiences had been the folk of the East Side, the struggling artists and writers and the slummers who drifted down—yet she has found herself one of the most demanded entertainers in the city.

Eight Times a Night.

She has "doubled," as they say on Broadway, in as many as four different places per night. Not long ago you would find her in the Club Sacko at a certain hour; in the "Vanderbilt Revue" at a certain other hour; at the Russian Arts a bit later, and at the Abbey. She often appeared from six to eight times a night.

And of such is night life a la 1931. Anything for novelty, or a laugh or a soporific. Gipsy music, Spanish dances—such as supplied by Ramon and Rosita or Nino and Demitro and the Chico-slap-stick in any form—that is what is going to be the headline stuff hereabouts.

But how could one account for such a phenomenon as La Belle Rose? He is one of the crowd pullers at one of the few prosperous night spots.

It is called the Greenwich Village Nut Club, and no one seems to have the solution of why or how it clicked. It radiates madness. The key of insanity is kept at its proper pitch during an entire evening.

A Dish Washer.

The chief entertainer there, for instance, is this same La Belle Rose.

There is no sense or reason to anything happening to or about this amateur performer. Just a few years ago La Belle Rose was a dish washer. It may or may not be that "she" was just a bit dizzy. For Rose wasn't a girl at all. "She" was a Scotsman, who told a story of having a wife and two children in the homeland.

In those days no night club had been considered. But there was an eating place, the Village Grove Inn, where a certain amount of entertainment was indulged in. "Rose" had a peculiarly nutty way of clowning. One night some of the other kitchen help chased "her" out of the kitchen and into the crowded cafe outside the swinging door, tossing tin plates after the fleeing figure. The crowd thought it part of the show and roared so loudly that the act was repeated.

Finally someone got the bright idea of dressing the dish washer up in swell evening clothes and sending "her" out to be a target for everything within sight. The ex-kitchen mechanic was told to give an imitation of a grand opera singer, whereupon everyone within shooting distance, would open up with something. The result was a riot.

The Star.

"Rose" grew within a couple of seasons from a lowly spot to an attraction at the Palace Theatre, with a pay cheque of something like 500 dollars a week or more—working like a roughhouse act. And the place itself grew until there were two clubs instead of one.

In the time that has elapsed the act has been built into one of the wildest slap-stick affairs to be found in town.

A few form of hurly-burly is contrived each night. Sometimes the entire orchestra interrupts the singing by bursting into wild rhythms; sometimes a padded club is applied; sometimes "she" is chased around the room by fellow entertainers using every form of noise-maker to drown the singing; sometimes the band parades and sometimes things are thrown.

And do not forget that all the time this is being recorded by the microphone and going out over the radio! To the average stay-at-home there is a suggestion of riotous goings-on until the dawn comes.

GERMAN FILM ON
"1914"Russia Blamed for War
Outbreak.

A film entitled "1914" described as an attack on the "War guilt lie," which was released recently in Berlin, had the advertisement of being refused a licence by the censor in its first version, on the advice of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as damaging to Germany's reputation abroad. This attracted the more attention because the Ministry's advice had been frequently sought and given while the film was being prepared.

The film is the second attempt made by its producer, Herr Richard Oswald, to represent recent history on the screen, and, like the first, the "Dreyfus Case," will attract rather by the interest of the subject matter than by the artistic skill of its presentation.

"Slithering Into War."

The changes to suit the taste of the German Foreign Office include, it appears, the interpolation of a scene in which Sazonov, the Russian Foreign Minister, tells the French Ambassador that he will only show the Tsar the Kaiser's last telegram to him after relations had already been broken off between the two Emperors when Pourtales, the German Ambassador, is already on his way to Germany.

The main blame for the outbreak of War is put on the Tsar's Government, a convenient whipping post, since Moscow can be relied upon to be indifferent to the reputation of St. Petersburg.

Austria is made to share the responsibility for the catastrophe, while Germany and the Western Powers are represented as "slithering into the war," an explanation of how the disaster occurred which is at present greatly in vogue here.

The Murder at Sarajevo.

The film opens with the murder at Sarajevo and closes with that of Jaures. Germany is shown as making energetic attempts to hold back Austria, while France watches the Russian war party's intrigues without attempting to hinder them, and even, it is suggested, welcoming them. Jaures dies with the words, "I accuse France of not hindering the War." Sir Edward Grey appears twice, looking like an unsuccessful pianist to speak of peace and apparently do nothing at all. The famous incident of Cambon's sinking and falling into a chair in Sir Arthur Nicolson's room and asking

whether the word "honour" has been erased from Britain's dictionary is filmed.

The chief drama of the film is the battle between the neurotic Tsar and his peace-loving German wife and the diabolical Russian Generals and Sazonov.

"CHO-SAN"

ORIGINAL DESCRIBED BY AGED
MISSIONARY.

Madame Butterfly in real life was one of the prettiest creatures who ever lived. The stage doesn't flatter her in the least.

Mrs. Irvin H. Correll, an American missionary, into whose sympathetic ears many years ago the little Japanese teahouse girl poured out all her troubles in the loss of her lover, gave an account at a luncheon of the Pan-Pacific Club of how the story came to be written. The name of the original was really "Butterfly"—"Cho-san" in Japanese, and it was by this name that she was known to Mrs. Correll and others of the mission.

Some years afterward home on leave, Mrs. Correll related the story to her brother, John Luther

Long, a Philadelphia attorney, and Mr. Long sat up all night, and next morning at breakfast he showed his sister the completed manuscript. Mr. Long died seven years ago. He had never visited Japan at the time he wrote the story.

Madame Butterfly lived in the days of the side wheelers on the Pacific. Mrs. Correll, now eighty years of age, first landed at Yokohama in 1873. It had taken her 29 days to cross from San Francisco on one of the Pacific Mail Liners. Afterward she and her husband moved to Nagasaki and it was here that she became acquainted with little Cho-san who lived on a hill where she could gaze out to sea day after day hoping for the return of the handsome young man who was the father of her baby.

"Little Cho-san was as pretty as a picture, and every one liked her," Mrs. Correll related. "And one day we heard that she had a lover and, then, much to our surprise, not long after that we learned of the visit of the stork. It caused a sensation of course. But the lover had gone, making all kinds of promises that he would soon return. As we understood it there was a signal to be given, from the ship, when he did come back, and we all knew that little Cho-san was waiting by her window for the signal that was never given."

Mrs. Correll was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania. She now makes her home in Tokyo, and for many years was in charge of the Christian Literature Society there.

Alexander Hume Ford, of Honolulu, director general of the Pan-Pacific Union, now in Tokyo, hearing Mrs. Correll's account of how Madame Butterfly came into fame, recalled that as a magazine writer he visited some of little Cho-san's relatives in Nagasaki thirty-two years ago. The story the neighbours told Mr. Ford was that little Cho-san's lover was not an American, however, as portrayed in the opera, but a Russian naval officer.—Associated Press.

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"	Breast	"	"	30 20 18
"	Soup	牛 湯 牛	"	27 20 18
"	Steak	牛 排 牛	"	33 24 22
"	Steak Sirloin	牛 柳 牛	"	45 30 35
"	Sausages	牛 腸 牛	"	38 26 20
Bullock's	Brains	牛 腦 牛	per set	17 10 12
"	Tongue, fresh	牛 舌 牛	each	75 60 60
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"	Head	"	"	\$1.20 — \$1.20
"	Heart	牛 心 牛	lb.	24 18 14
"	Hump, Salt	牛 肩 牛	"	— 20 18
"	Feet	牛 腳 牛	each	12 10 12
"	Kidneys	牛 腰 牛	"	15 10 12
"	Tail	牛 尾 牛	"	27 20 22
"	Liver	牛 肝 牛	lb.	24 13 14
"	Tripe	牛 肚 牛	"	8 6 7
Calves'	Head & Feet	牛 仔 頭 腳 牛	lb.	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton	Chop	羊 排 羊	lb.	40 26 —
"	Leg	羊 腿 羊	"	40 26 —
"	Shoulder	羊 肩 羊	"	36 24 —
"	Saddle	羊 鞍 羊	"	40 — —
Pig's	Chillings	猪 肉 猪	"	28 27 —
"	Brains	猪 腦 猪	Per set	3 — —
"	Feet	猪 腳 猪	lb.	16 15 —
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"	Kidneys	猪 腰 猪	"	15 10 3
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"	Kidneys	羊 腰 羊	"	15 12 10
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		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	
Poultry.					
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small	雞	"	55	28	30
Capons, Large	雞	"	62	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	44	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	38	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	33	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	"	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	55	35	24
Geese	鴨	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	35	30	—
" Holbow	鴿	"	30	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	60	61	45
Snipe	火雞	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	火雞	pair	3.50	—	—
Quail	火雞	each	45	—	—
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FUTURE ENTERPRISES.

A satisfactory year, which had fully justified the decision of the shareholders as to re-organisation of the company's capital, was reported by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who took the chair at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Ltd., this morning.

Two main factors had contributed to this welcome improvement. The first was the great extent of building operations in Hong Kong during the past year. The second was the exercise of a rigid economy in all departments, together with the total elimination of all expenditure on a gold basis. The policy had been to think and act in terms of silver dollars only.

The gratifying results achieved had decided the Board that a modification of the company's policy in regard to its operations might be made. Previously, it had been decided to limit the scope of the company's interests, but the increased financial resources now available would permit the exploring of other enterprises.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—It affords your Board of Directors much pleasure to meet you to-day with results of the Company's working for the past year that may be considered quite satisfactory. This is the first occasion, since the formation of the Company in 1922, that the Trading Account has shown a profit, and your patience, exercised over a period of nearly ten years, is now to be rewarded with a small dividend.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account give in detail the figures that need be presented to you in order that you may arrive at a correct idea of the position of your Company. There seems no need for me to comment on individual items in the Balance Sheet, although I should perhaps mention, with regard to "Sundry Debtors, Deposits, etc., less Reserve \$49,543.50," that the whole of this sum is well secured.

You will have seen from the Profit and Loss Account that after charging Working Account with the comparatively large sum of \$16,819.57 for depreciation, as well as providing for auditors' fees, the profit, together with interest and transfer fees, amounts to \$57,441.55, which enables your Directors to recommend—

That a dividend of 15 per cent. or 30 cents per share, absorbing \$28,650, be paid in respect of the past year, and that the balance of \$28,791.55 be carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year 1931.

Conservative Policy.
It is in pursuance of a conservative policy that your Directors have decided to write so large a sum as \$16,819.57 off Buildings, Plant, Machinery and Equipment, and Motor Trucks and Junk, etc. These various assets now stand in the books of the Company at figures considerably below replacement cost. In view of the rapidly deteriorating nature of the Company's equipment and appliances, I hope you will agree that the policy I have just mentioned is the correct one, rather than the paying away of a larger percentage of profit in dividend to shareholders.

You will probably like to be informed as to the factors contributing to the satisfactory result achieved during the past year. There were two main factors influencing these results. The first was the great extent of building operations carried on in Hong Kong; and the second, the rigid economy exercised in all departments and, in particular, the total elimination of all expenditure on a gold basis, even where salaries of the technical staff were concerned; for it must be remembered that the Company's earnings are all in dollars.

Except in the case of certain materials used in certain classes of work which we have to undertake and into which the gold factor enters, your Directors' practical policy has been to think and act in terms of silver dollars only, always, however, keeping in mind the inevitable contingency of sterling obligations in the matter of replacement of plant and appliances. We will continue in your interest to pursue this policy.

At the same time, I think it is due to you to state that the present abnormal building activity may not be of long duration and that remunerative contracts may not always be within the means of your Company to secure. We must be alive to the fact that competition has to be faced, and with its growing intensity, profits are likely to be proportionately reduced. On the other hand, every effort will be made to retain valued clientele with which we maintain friendly and profitable connections.

Important Decision.
The year under review is notable for an important decision affecting the Company. This decision was arrived at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, held on September 10 last, when a resolution was submitted to you for a reorganisation of the capital of the Company. The capital reduction was duly effected after all legal requirements had been complied with, with the satisfactory result that your Directors have since been able to place before you.

You will recall the fact that at one stage of the Company's existence, not so long ago, doubts existed in the minds of certain shareholders as to whether the Company should go into voluntary liquidation or whether another effort should be made for the successful conduct of your business before winding up was decided upon. A private meeting of shareholders was held on April 22 last year to go into the question in all its bearings. The shareholders at that meeting decided by a large majority to carry on. The wisdom of that decision has been justified by the results shown in the report and accounts now under review.

Directors' Policy.
It will be remembered by those who attended the private meeting I have just referred to, that your Directors informed the shareholders that it was their policy to restrict the Company's operations to certain classes of work only, for the time being. We considered at the time that such a policy would be a wise and prudent one, as in the then financial position of the Company it might not have been in your best interests to embark on large undertakings. That policy, however, in the opinion of your Directors, may now be modified.

We feel, with the improved financial resources we now possess, that we are justified in recommending a change of policy in substitution for that which restricted us to certain classes of work that may not always come our way and that could only be secured on an intensely competitive basis. I need hardly state that this change of policy is made in the best interests of shareholders in the view and in the belief that a wider and more

TWO MORE BRITONS DIE IN REVOLT.

Nicaraguan Situation
Said to Be Improved.
U.S. WARSHIP REMAINS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In addition to Messrs. Roper and Manning, two British West Indian subjects who lost their lives in the Nicaraguan disturbances, two more Jamaicans, Lucian-may and Eroddey, are now reported to have been killed. American official information states that the situation in Eastern Nicaragua is tending to become normal, but the American warship is still remaining.—British Wireless Service.

profitable field for the Company's endeavours will be open to us. In the absence of any expression of opinion to the contrary at this meeting, I will take it that you, in the best interests of shareholders as a whole, endorse the proposal of your Board regarding the change affecting the Company's future operations.

Loyalty of Staff.
You will realise that your Directors' best efforts may not be capable of achieving satisfactory results without the loyal support of the Company's staff. It is gratifying for me to record that we have on all occasions received willing assistance from all members of the staff, without which it would have been impossible to present you figures like those I have just reviewed to you.

During the year Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., was invited to, and accepted a seat on, the Board of Directors. On the departure on leave of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., from the Colony, Mr. Lo Cheung-shu was appointed an alternate Director in his stead.

I think I have fairly summarised to you all the important features of last year's working results incorporated in the report and statement of accounts for 1930. I now move that the report and Statement of Account as presented be adopted and passed, that a dividend of 15 per cent. on the issued capital of the Company (as reduced), or 30 cents per share, be declared in respect of the year 1930, and that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the past year, less such appropriation, be carried forward to the credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year 1931.

Mr. Joseph Gould, in seconding the motion, congratulated the Board on the satisfactory results achieved. The company had now turned the corner, and was on a sound footing.

Other Business.
The appointment of Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., to the Board, was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. A. Zimmermann.

Messrs. J. Scott Harston and J. T. Bagram were re-elected directors, upon the motion of Mr. M. A. Figueredo, seconded by Mr. A. H. Basto.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors to the company, Mr. A. A. Botelho, who made the motion, being seconded by Mr. M. A. Gomes.

Those Present.
Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. T. Bagram, Lo Cheung-shu (directors), Mr. A. R. F. Raven, (technical adviser), and Mr. B. Alves (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. M. H. Lo, A. Zimmermann, A. A. Botelho, M. A. Figueredo, M. A. Gomes, Joseph Gould, and A. H. Basto.

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